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CNMI's long-term investors demanding improved status

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Long-term foreign businesses with E2-C status, who have collectively invested more than \$20 million and employed at least 1,000 individuals in the CNMI for decades, questioned yesterday their exclusion from a sweeping U.S. Senate national immigration reform bill that grants a pathway to citizenship to long-term, legal foreign workers in the Commonwealth.

» **Some 500 E2-C investor visa holders face exit after 2014**
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The immigration bill's main thrust is to grant a pathway to citizenship to some 11 million undocumented aliens in the United States.

The E2-C, or the Commonwealth-only investor, status expires after Dec. 31, 2014.

After that, these long-term investors will be forced to leave the CNMI. That could mean loss in millions of revenue for the CNMI government and loss of

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Sen. Ayuyu likely to plead guilty

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Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) and the U.S. government are currently discussing a "global plea agreement" that will resolve his three criminal cases in federal court without going through a trial.

Ayuyu and the U.S. government

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Dirty airport restrooms prompt privatization plans

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority is pushing for the privatization of custodial services at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport to resolve growing concerns about the airport's sanitation.

Acting CPA executive director Mary-Ann Lizama said she has received several complaints about the airport's unclean restrooms, walkways, and other facilities since taking over the post.

Saipan Tribune learned that CPA has only 14 personnel that maintain the cleanliness of the Saipan airport.

Adding more employees to the custodial unit or outsourcing this service to a private company can help the ports authority rectify the problem.

On Friday, Lizama presented to the board of directors some possible options and scenarios to resolve the concern.

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AT THE PISTANG PINOY 2013

Crowned Pinoy Super Gay Model "Maria Venus Raj," center, is flanked by Best in Talent "Venus," left, and Best in Fantasy Costume first runner-up Sharmaine, right, during the pageant night that capped the 2013 "Pistang Pinoy" or Filipino Festival on Sunday at the Garapan Fishing Base.

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Driver of getaway vehicle testifies in robbery trial

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The confessed driver of a getaway vehicle testified yesterday in the ongoing jury trial of Maximo S.N. Muna, who is accused of robbing the poker arcade of J's Restaurant in Gualo Rai.

The driver, whose identity is being withheld at the request of the prosecution, reiterated his previous statement to police that Muña came to his house in Koblerville and they smoked methamphetamine or "ice."

In the early morning of Oct. 4, 2012, Muña allegedly instructed the driver to proceed

to J's Restaurant and park the vehicle near the DEQ building.

The driver said that Muña put on a mask, took a machete, and headed toward J's Restaurant.

The driver said he became nervous when people in the restaurant started screaming and running to the parking lot of J's Restaurant.

The driver drove off the parking lot and headed south on Middle Road, where a police vehicle pulled him over. He was later released. The government did not charge him.

A J's Restaurant waiter also testified yesterday that he saw Muña a couple of times hang-

ing out at J's Restaurant prior to the robbery.

The waiter said that Muña, whom he knew since their days at Hopwood Junior High School, had approached him prior to the robbery and invited him to help him rob the place.

When asked how he responded to this, the waiter said he told Muña, "F---, Max!"

The waiter said he would sometimes see Muña wearing a camouflage long-sleeved shirt at the restaurant.

Police said the masked man that robbed the J's Restaurant poker arcade on Oct. 4, 2012, was wearing gray shorts and a green

camouflage long-sleeved shirt.

The waiter also disclosed that he received a call from Muna's former girlfriend two Sundays ago. His testimony was interrupted when assistant public defender Matthew Meyers, counsel for the defendant, objected, saying the testimony is hearsay and prejudicial to his client because they were not informed about it prior to the trial.

McAllister insisted that the testimony should be allowed under the exception rule.

As the parties were arguing, the waiter stated, "I have proof!"

Govendo reminded the witness not to say anything when

there is no question.

As McAllister and Meyers' continued arguing, Govendo asked the counsels to see him in his chamber and instructed the waiter to return in the afternoon to resume his testimony.

Saipan Tribune learned that the waiter was not allowed to continue his testimony in the af-

ternoon as he will just be called again if needed.

Police officers Frederick Sato, Olympio Muña, and Peter Aldan, who were among those who responded to the robbery, also testified yesterday.

Assistant attorney general James McAllister is prosecuting the case.

Hospital asks lawmakers for \$15.2M government subsidy

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. officials led by interim chief executive officer Esther Muña and CHC board chair Jack Torres asked the House Ways and Means Committee yesterday morning to appropriate \$15.2 million in government subsidy to CHC in fiscal year 2014 or at the very least \$9.9 million to cover for the hospital's several years of "uncompensated care."

The House Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan), however, did not commit to giving additional subsidy to CHC.

The House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing on CHC's fiscal year 2014 budget yesterday.

The agency budget hearings will wrap up this week, followed by the Ways and Means Committee's deliberation before pre-filing a 2014 budget bill.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos proposed a government subsidy of \$1.9 million to CHC in fiscal year 2014. The governor said the \$123.4 million proposed CNMI government budget is likely to be revised by July 31.

Inos, in an interview on Monday, said he believes only independent agencies are asking the Legislature for more funding, whereas those under the Executive Branch stated that they could live within their means.

At yesterday's budget hearing, House members took turns asking CHC officials about their budget and operations.

CHC's Muna said the corporation is projecting a \$9.9-million budget shortfall for 2014, and this includes unfunded medical services that CHC provides to indigent patients, inmates, and the Medicaid population.

Lt. governor on personal leave

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider is on leave this week to attend to family matters off-island, a week after Gov. Eloy S. Inos returned from a two-week trip to Alaska and Seattle on official and personal reasons.

Hofschneider is expected to return next week, his chief of staff, Anthony Aguon, told Saipan Tribune yesterday.

"He took a week of leave for personal matters," Aguon said.

In May, Hofschneider went

Acting House speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan) and House Health Committee chair Antonio Agulto (IR-Saipan) asked CHC to explain its requested \$15.2 million government subsidy. The amount, according to CHC, includes funding for the Rota Health Center and Tinian Health Center.

The CHC board chair said THC and RHC each generates \$200,000 to \$300,000 in revenue every year, yet annual spending is over \$1 million each a year.

Sablan, meanwhile, asked CHC whether it agrees with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s figures that CHC owes CUC some \$7.5 million in unpaid utility bills. CHC said this is the same figure they have.

Dela Cruz also asked CHC about reported "missing" dental equipment at CHC.

Division of Public Health director Roxanne Diaz told lawmakers "there are no missing equipment at the dental office."

"That's reassuring, that the equipment are still intact," Dela Cruz added.

In responding to Rep. Ralph Yumul's (Ind-Saipan) question, Muña said CHC could be in a position to increase the salaries for clinical staff "only" because CHC wants to retain these clinical staff.

Muña said it costs more to replace these clinical staff.

She added that she also asks for a review of the financial impact on CHC if salaries are increased for non-clinical staff.

However, at the budget hearing yesterday, CHC officials said they had to eliminate previous requests for THC administration staff salary increases, because of limited resources.

CHC projects to collect some \$35 million in revenues in fiscal year 2014. This does not include the governor's proposed \$1.9 million government subsidy.

to Idaho with private counsels in connection with a settlement deal with the supplier of a reverse osmosis water purification system for the Commonwealth Health Center's new hemodialysis facility. Hofschneider said the CNMI government stands to get millions in settlement from Severn Trent Services, which, back in 2011, was accused of wire fraud, involving its representative. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

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Judge unseals record in case of seller of \$100M pirated software

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has unsealed the record in the case against Li Xiang, a website operator who was sentenced to 12 years in prison last week in the District of Delaware for selling more than \$100 million worth of pirated U.S. software to customers worldwide.

Manglona unsealed on Monday the case against 36-year-old Li after assistant U.S. attorney Garth R. Backe asked to unseal the matter on Friday.

Backe said there is no longer a need to keep Li's case sealed as Li has already been sentenced in the District of Delaware.

According to court records, a

federal grand jury in the District Court of Delaware returned on Nov. 23, 2010, an indictment charging Li and a co-defendant, both Chinese nationals, with conspiracy to circumvent a technological measure that protects a copyrighted work, conspiracy to commit criminal copyright infringement, criminal copyright infringement, interstate transportation of stolen goods, smuggling of goods into the U.S., and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

That same day, the Magistrate Court for the District of Delaware granted the U.S. government's motion to seal the indictment. The judge then issued an arrest warrant against Li.

On June 7, 2011, an agent from the Homeland Security Investiga-

tions served the arrest warrant on Li in Garapan, Saipan.

There was no information in court records as to how Li was found on Saipan but previous news reports in the U.S. mainland states that U.S. Department of Homeland Security agents conducted an undercover sting and lured Li to a meeting on Saipan where he believed he was delivering 20 gigabytes of data to representatives of U.S. businessmen.

On June 8, 2011, Li was taken to a sealed hearing in the U.S. District Court for the NMI. Attorney Mark Hanson appeared as a court-appointed counsel for the defendant.

At the hearing, U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge John C. Coughenour

granted the U.S. government's petition for Li's removal and order of detention.

Coughenour directed the U.S. Marshal to bring Li to Delaware.

In the U.S. government's motion to seal the June 8, 2011, proceedings, special assistant U.S. attorney David L. Hall said that public disclosure of Li's arrest and removal would hamper the ability of the U.S. to carry out post-arrest investigative steps.

Hall said that public disclosure will alert potential defendants to the possibility of government action, enabling them to destroy evidence, flee, and otherwise obstruct the investigation.

Coughenour granted Hall's request to seal the proceedings, including the removal hearing.

Hill was subsequently transported to Delaware.

In January 2013, Li plead-

ed guilty to single counts of conspiracy to commit criminal copyright violations and wire fraud.

Last Wednesday (Saipan time), the District Court for the District of Delaware sentenced Li to 12 years in prison.

U.S. officials reportedly admitted that this is the first time a Chinese national has been prosecuted in the U.S. for such crimes.

According to the indictment, between April 2008 and November 2010, Li and a co-defendant operated an online business through which they engaged in the unauthorized access, reproduction, and distribution of copyrighted software produced by over 150 manufacturers.

In particular, the defendants engaged in software "cracking," the willful circumvention of digital license files and ac-

cess control software created to prevent unauthorized access to copyrighted software products.

The defendants also have engaged in the unauthorized international distribution and reproduction of "cracked" copyrighted computer software via the Internet.

Govt home loan program remains suspended; collection continues

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Acting NMI Retirement Fund administrator Lillian M. Pangelinan said the agency's member home loan program remains suspended but collections from borrowers continue to be enforced.

"We are collecting the outstanding on a monthly basis, however, the chances of reopening the program is nil," Pangelinan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The member home loan program is among the Fund's four local investments. The agency invested \$5.5 million on this program. The Fund's board of trustees suspended the program in 2011 due to a high delinquency rate among its borrowers.

Saipan Tribune learned that the program has 106 loans, of which over 30 are considered bad loans or delinquent. Of these bad loans, it was disclosed that only two can potentially be collected while the rest are considered "dead accounts."

Pangelinan disclosed that a significant amount remains uncollected from borrowers, and the likelihood of these being paid by March 2014 is not realistic because many loans have maturity dates beyond next year.

The home loan program is extended to Fund members, both active and retirees.

Despite being run by the Fund, Pangelinan said the program is not affected by the ongoing situation of the Fund. That may change, however, if the Fund becomes depleted, she said.

The Fund had earlier disclosed its plan to sell the program due to its low investment returns, high delinquency ratio, and other concerns.

In 2011, the program's delinquency ratio was at 37 percent and that less than 10 accounts were considered candidates for foreclosure.

The Fund's Group Health Life Insurance Program is also not also affected right now by the ongoing situation of the

pension agency.

"It is not being affected right now and beneficiaries are still getting the services," Pangelinan said, adding that any potential impact will happen if the Fund is depleted by March 2014.

Should this occur, Pangelinan hopes that a bill that will transfer the GHLIP to the government will be enacted by then.

When the court appointed Joseph Razzano to become the trustee *ad litem* for the Fund, he was given several powers relating to the operation of the pension agency but these excluded the authority to handle GHLIP.

During a recent assembly, retirees expressed worry that they may not be able to avail of the medical services and medication they need as a result of the cash flow problem of the pension agency. They were assured that services will continue and whether a settlement with the government prospers or not, a motion will be offered to the court for the GHLIP program.

Governing body to appoint new hospital director

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. interim CEO Esther Muña disclosed yesterday that a permanent replacement for Karen Buettner as hospital services director will be chosen by the organization's "governing body."

This governing body is composed of the CEO, Dr. Sherleen Osman, director for Medical Affairs; the chief financial officer, which is currently filled by interim Cora Ada; and the chief operating officer, a position that is currently vacant after Muña's appointment as interim CEO.

Buettner was recently terminated from her post for undisclosed reasons.

Muña said yesterday that she does not discuss personnel issues with the media and has nothing to

say about Buettner's departure.

According to her, respiratory care manager Jesse Tudela has been temporarily filling in for Buettner since her personal leave last month.

Muña said that Tudela had proven that he can handle the task of a hospital services director.

"Mr. Tudela was acting for Ms. Buettner while she was on leave back in May and had proven several times that he can handle responsibilities of this position," said Muña.

She added that Tudela will be the acting hospital director until CHC's governing body decides on a permanent person to fill the post. There is no telling whether Tudela will be named to the position permanently.

The creation of the corporation's governing body was one of the recommendations of the

U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which earlier threatened to revoke the hospital's certification if it fails to resolve deficiencies.

The public hospital has a long history of misunderstanding on who calls the shots for its operation. That authority was previously with either the Public Health secretary, the hospital administrator, or the Executive Branch through the Finance secretary who cuts the checks for all hospital expenses.

CHC is currently addressing all CMMS citations and a federal team is expected anytime soon to check if the hospital has already resolved outstanding deficiencies.

Last week, a weeklong mock survey by the U.S. Commissioned Corps yielded "good results," according to Muña.

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Fishery catch quotas on WESPAC agenda this week

HONOLULU—Each year since 2011, federal fishery managers have been required to set annual catch limits, or ACLs, for all federally managed fish stocks with a few exceptions. During this week and next, the scientists and managers responsible for setting the ACLs for Hawaii and the U.S. Pacific island territories will meet to set the limits for 2014. The sustainable catch level is based on not only scientific factors but also socioeconomic and management uncertainty considerations.

On June 18 to 20, the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will determine the “acceptable biological catch,” or ABC, for the stocks. The ABCs are based on stock assessments, which in turn are based on catch data, life histories of the species, and other

information. Because the data and information are lacking for the majority of the thousands of coral reef fish and other stocks in the U.S. Pacific islands, the SSC has previously relied on setting the ABC for many species at 75 percent of their historic catch. During discussions on the 2014 ABCs, the scientists will review recent life history investigations and assessments for Hawaii bottomfish, evaluate the 2012 catches relative to the 2012 ACLs, and evaluate various options for determining ABCs.

Among the exceptions to the ACL requirement are pelagic fisheries that are managed internationally. In the Pacific, these tuna, billfish and other pelagic species fall under the auspices of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission. The United

States is a member of both organizations. In preparation for the 10th regular session of the WCPFC to be held Dec. 2 to 6, in Australia, the SSC will review data that indicates that North Pacific striped marlin is likely experiencing overfishing in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean and may be overfished. Catch of North Pacific striped marlin in this region has exhibited a long-term decline since the 1970s and is about half of the amount harvested at that time.

Hawaii’s accounts for about 14 percent of the total impact on the North Pacific striped marlin stock in the WCPO. In 2010, the WCPFC adopted a measure directing WCPFC countries to reduce the total catches of North Pacific striped marlin in a phased reduction that by Jan. 1, 2013, the catch would be at 80 percent of the

levels caught in 2000 to 2003. The CMM covered all fisheries, not just longliners. In Hawaii about 90 percent of the striped marlin is landed by the longline fishery, and about 90 percent comes from WCPO. Applying the 2010 measure to the period 2000-2003, where the maximum catch was 573 mt, produces a 2013 catch limit of 458 mt. The SSC may recommend that a new CMM is needed or that the current WCPFC measure should remain in effect.

The SSC may also make recommendations on management of Pacific bluefin tuna and bigeye tuna as well as modifying the swordfish trip limit in the American Samoa longline fishery. The SSC will meet at the council office in Honolulu. The council will review the recommendations of the SSC and its advisory bodies as well as public comments

when it convenes June 26-28 in Honolulu. Recommendations by the council are trans-

mitted the U.S. Commerce secretary for final approval. (**WESPAC**)

AYUYU

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informed the court about the plea agreement negotiation during a motion hearing yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

This means that Ayuyu will likely enter a guilty plea.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set a status conference/change of plea hearing this Friday at 10am.

Attorney David J. Lujan, counsel for Ayuyu in two cases, also notified the court that they have withdrawn their motion to suppress the government’s evidence.

Manglona dismissed the motion with prejudice. This means the 48-year-old Ayuyu cannot re-open the motion again.

The senator is facing three criminal charges: a fruit bat case, an obstruction of justice case, and a cell phone use case.

Lujan is counsel for Ayuyu in the obstruction of justice case and the cell phone use case. Attorney Bruce Berline is counsel for the senator in the fruit bat case.

Berline did not appear at the hearing as he is off-island. Attorney Mark Hanson appeared on his behalf.

Yesterday, Manglona denied Ayuyu’s motion for separate trials in the fruit bat and obstruction of justice cases.

Manglona said the only characteristic that significantly distinguishes Ayuyu’s two cases from others involving obstruction/tampering is that the defendant has different lead attorneys for each case.

“This circumstance is not a

reason to sever. Whatever hardship it works on the defense is entirely of defendant’s making,” the judge said.

Manglona noted that the court afforded the defendant one counsel at the court’s expense, for both cases.

“Having separate, privately obtained counsel in only one of the joined cases is by defendant’s choice. He cannot now complain that this choice prejudices him in a joint trial of all counts,” Manglona said.

Assistant U.S. attorneys Garth Backe and Ross Naughton appeared for the U.S. government at the hearing.

Ayuyu has been in detention since Dec. 17, 2012. His trials are currently set for July 23 and 29, 2013.

The U.S. government originally charged the senator with one count of conspiring to violate the Endangered Species and Lacey Acts, one count of violating the Endangered Species Act, and one count of violating the Lacey Act.

Ayuyu’s second criminal case involves alleged obstruction of justice, while in the third case he is charged with possession of a cell phone while in detention at the Department of Corrections.

The indictment alleged that on Oct. 17, 2010, Ayuyu and Ryan Manglona conspired to conceal eight dead Mariana fruit bats (*Pteropus mariannus mariannus*) underneath 40 lbs of lemons inside a cardboard box in an attempt to transport the box to Saipan on a Freedom Air flight.

Pteropus mariannus mariannus are bat subspecies protected by federal law.

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over a thousand jobs.

“We want to be included in the bill. We want improved status. We have been in the CNMI for a long time as investors, we pay our taxes, we contribute to the economy and we employ many people. The CNMI government ignored us. How can we encourage prospective investors to come and invest here if we don’t treat our investors right?” CNMI Chinese Investors Association president Kevin Tang said in an interview yesterday.

Tang and other representatives of the 40-strong CNMI Chinese Investors Association collectively aired their concerns yesterday, hoping there will still be a chance to amend the immigration bill to include E2-C investors.

One of them said they have limited options, but one of those is to hire a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. to work on including E2-C investor visa holders on the groups of long-term aliens in the CNMI.

“But we still believe Kilili will help us; he may have forgotten about us,” one of them said.

Under the U.S. Senate immigration bill now under debate in Washington, D.C., six groups of long-term aliens can apply for CNMI-only permanent residency and later, U.S. permanent residency or “green card.”

Green card is a pathway to U.S. citizenship.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) earlier said he has not received any information about any amendments to the section of S.744 that deals with the CNMI, “nor was there any discussion or concern about this section, when the Senate Judiciary Committee reviewed the bill.”

Sablan added that he has “no plans to try to amend it at this point.”

Because of the time difference between the CNMI and Washington, D.C., Sablan could not be reached for comment on the CNMI Chinese Investors Association’s request for inclusion of E2-C investors in the immigration bill.

Allen Stayman, a staff at the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, in an email to the CNMI Chinese Investors Association’s president, Tang, said, “The proposal regarding the CNMI is included in the Senate’s ‘Gang of Eight’ proposal and there is no longer a realistic opportunity to modify it.”

“The Senate continues to consider amendments with the hope of a final vote in late June. Then, it will be available for consideration in the House, but prospect there are uncertain,” Stayman said in the e-mail.

Tang, in an interview, said all other E2-C investors in the CNMI, including those from other Asian countries such as Korea, also demand improved status and inclusion in the U.S. Senate immigration bill.

Christine K. Lee, a long-term Korean investor with E2-C status, earlier called for improved status for E2-C investors in the CNMI.

“I believe CNMI investors deserve better and should be granted immediate U.S. citizenship instead,” Lee said.

Another option to avoid the mass exodus of E2-C investors is to extend the E2-C program beyond 2014.

But the CNMI Chinese Investors Association as well as Korean E2C investors including Lee oppose extending the E2C program.

Tang said that extending the program will only prolong the “uncertainty” and “instability” in the CNMI whereas an improved status will help stabilize the economy.

“We want an improved status and we want to stay here in the CNMI,” one of the investors said.

Among those that were interviewed yesterday were a retail store owner since 1997, an owner of retail and wholesale businesses and laundry shop since 2001, one who has been a businessman in the CNMI since 1995, and one since 1996, among other things. The group represents owners of retail stores, wholesale companies, small hotels, spas and massage parlors, beauty shops, tire shops, among other things.

One of them said they are pleased with the approval of an EB-5 regional center in the CNMI, but they said the result of that has yet to be seen.

“There were Chinese investors who came to the CNMI on their own to do research about an EB-5 in the CNMI. They asked storeowners, restaurant owners and other businesses and they were surprised about the instability and uncertainty. At least one decided to invest in Guam instead,” one of the E2-C investors said yesterday.

Many of these E2-C investors have already invested millions in the CNMI throughout the years despite a depressed economy, thus making it harder to come up with at least half a million more all at once to qualify for other types of investor status under U.S. laws.

A separate U.S. House of Representatives bill, H.R. 2200 or the Territorial Omnibus Act of 2013, seeks the continued use of the E2-C investor visa classification for investors in the CNMI so long as the federalization transition period is extended.

Sablan’s bill, co-sponsored by three other delegates of U.S. territories, also seeks a delay in the CNMI’s annual 50-cent increase in minimum wage every other year starting in September 2013 and a five-year extension of the federalization transition period or up to Dec. 31, 2019.

But E2-C investors reiterated their opposition to an extension of the E2-C program, demand-

ing improved status instead.

“We believe extension is a trap. We’re asked to stay for more years, but after waiting for five more years or so, we will still have uncertain status. We’ve been here 10 years, 15 years,” one of the E2-C investors said.

They repeatedly said if the U.S. Congress is giving pathway to citizenship to undocumented aliens, “why not give the same to legal long-term investors” in the CNMI which they said is “a part of the United States.”

They added that they do not plan on running for office when they get improved status.

“We don’t want to wait any more. If there’s only extension, we might as well go to Guam and other U.S. places. But if they grant improved status, we will stay and continue to invest here, continue to hire workers here,” one of them added.

Another one said the U.S. government should have started applying the INA in the CNMI since November 2009, so that those who would have at least five years stay can already apply for improved status.

“From 2009, the five years will be in 2014. Why not apply the INA and allow all legal aliens who are already here to apply for green card? The Interior report in 2010 recommended improved status but nothing happened, the Congress didn’t act on that. We consulted with lawyers, that the immigration bill can be challenged, we are hoping it can still be amended,” one of them said.

They added that once E2-C investors are forced to exit the CNMI, it will be a great loss to the local economy.

“Every year they keep on repeating the problems about the Retirement Fund, CHC [Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.], but they do not do anything about the investors that have been helping the economy,” one of the investors said.

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Among these is to hire six more custodial personnel but this will cost CPA an added expenditure of over \$560,000 a year.

Lizama is pushing for partial privatization to remedy the situation.

She told *Saipan Tribune* that CPA’s 14 custodial employees could concentrate on the inside facilities of the terminal, while a private company can cover the outside facilities.

“In this option, we will keep our 14 personnel to focus on the inside. This will bring savings to the ports authority over \$45,000,” she told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that this option is the best recommendation to the board.

Under the partial privatization, five private company employees will assist the 14 CPA personnel in maintaining full sanitary coverage in all areas of the airport. All five private employees will work for seven days a week.

Meantime, under the full privatization option, where all

14 employees will be absorbed by a private company, the potential savings to CPA could reach \$1 million, according to Lizama. Under this option, 24 personnel are expected to cover all the work and will have three shifts daily.

The board deferred its decision on the issue and instructed management to do further study and analysis.

“We will go back to the board at the next meeting and we will submit the most feasible option for CPA,” Lizama said.

Lizama admitted that has been bombarded by complaints about unclean airport facilities since taking over as CPA chief. She said she immediately met with her team and a cost scenario analysis was formulated.

Due to lack of custodial manpower, Lizama said she has even experienced cleaning the restrooms herself in some instances.

For Lizama, this concern about unsanitary facilities is a high priority because airports create the “first and last” impression among tourists.

“Our goal is to continue create that lasting impression for the CNMI,” she added.

OAG: 2 issues in consent decree already addressed

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

The CNMI government has told the federal court that medical care for inmates and detainees and the safety of juvenile detainees—the two outstanding issues in the consent decree that the Commonwealth forged with the U.S. Department of Justice in 1999—have already been addressed.

Assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan, counsel for the CNMI government, told the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Monday that the Commonwealth is dedicated to closing out the consent decree and will continue to work with the U.S. Department of Justice to resolve any remaining issues.

Jeffrey R. Murray, a lawyer with the DOJ Civil Rights Division, and Sablan filed last month a joint request for the federal court to schedule a status conference on the two outstanding concerns.

In their joint request, Murray and Sablan expressed belief that the court can help them resolve the two issues—and any other issues that the court may have—and move to terminate the consent decree as soon as possible.

The parties appeared for a status hearing on Monday. The court ad-

ressed the two outstanding issues.

In the CNMI government's status report filed in court on Monday, Sablan said the Department of Corrections relies on the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to provide medical care for inmates and detainees.

Sablan said a Commonwealth Health Center nurse is stationed at DOC full time and that a physician provides medical care weekly.

If care cannot be provided at DOC, Sablan said that inmates and detainees are brought to the hospital for treatment.

The government lawyer cited that, on April 16, 2003, local news (*Saipan Tribune*) reported that CHC would terminate services for DOC if a new agreement providing for payment of services was not implemented.

In response, Gov. Eloy S. Inos stated that funding would be set aside for DOC medical care, Sablan said.

This funding is reflected in the governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014 via a \$2 million appropriation for CHC, a portion of which will be used to cover the costs of providing medical services to DOC.

Sablan said the DOC commissioner also contacted CHC to

stress the importance of continued medical services for inmates and detainees and the need to honor the previous memoranda of understanding between DOC and the Department of Public Health.

Sablan said that Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. acting CEO Esther Muna responded and assured the DOC commissioner that CHC would continue to provide medical services to DOC.

On the safety of juvenile inmates, Sablan said that ensuring the safety of minors detained at the Kagman Detention Unit is a priority for the Commonwealth.

"The Commonwealth believes that this can be achieved through sound policy, increased staffing, and adequate training for staff and the support of the community,"

CUC: Recent power interruptions due to system maintenance

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Power interruptions experienced in recent days on Saipan are mostly scheduled outages and due to systems maintenance being conducted to ensure a reliable supply to the island, according to Commonwealth Utilities Corp. acting executive director Alan W. Fletcher.

He pointed out that CUC's ultimate goal is to provide a constant

she said.

Currently, Sablan said, there are JDU policies that address the requirement that a minimum of one female staff member be present at all times when there is a female minor under JDU custody, and mandate that JDU staff report suspected child abuse to Child Protective Services.

Sablan said there is a procedure for staff members if a minor detained at JDU is sexually assaulted.

She added that there is a procedure through which a minor detained at JDU can ask to communicate with his or her probation officer, social worker, attorney, or a JDU supervisor.

These policies, Sablan said, function to prevent the abuse of

minors and to ensure that, in the event of one, it is duly reported and addressed. These policies, she said, can be updated as necessary to increase the safety of minors at JDU.

Second, Sablan said, JDU must be staffed with well-trained personnel.

DOC is currently working to increase staffing for JDU and is planning to open the DOC training academy to JDU staff.

The Commonwealth, Sablan said, will provide additional information on staffing and training as it becomes available.

Third, Sablan said, the support of the community is a key component to promoting accountability and safety.

She disclosed that the Northern

Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc., a non-profit organization, regularly visits the minors detained at JDU.

NMPASI provides the minors with information and education and serves as another outlet for reporting abuse or other improprieties.

These visits provide another check for the safety of minors at JDU, Sablan added.

The CNMI was forced to build the adult prison in Susupe under the consent decree after DOJ sued the government over the deplorable conditions of the old prison. Construction began in 2002 with an initial cost of about \$17 million that later ballooned to \$20.9 million. The prison opened in February 2008.

However, scheduled outages for pole replacements and other maintenance activities, while inconvenient, is part of a preventative maintenance program to ensure system reliability and constant supply," Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune*.

Emergencies do occur, such as pole breakage or a tree branch that causes an outage. When they do, Fletcher said that emergency shutdowns for repairs occur.

"CUC seeks to minimize all these events by upgrading the system as funding allows, active tree trimming programs, and targeted replacements of worn equipment," he added.

House panel OKs initiative scrapping double dipping

By **HAIDEE V. EUGENIO**
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REPORTER

The House Special Committee on NMI Retirement Fund recommends passage of a legislative initiative that scraps a constitutional provision allowing double dipping and removes a provision granting five years credited service for employees with not less than 25 years credited service, as part of ongoing efforts to prolong the pension agency's lifespan.

Double dipping means receiving retirement benefits and an employment salary at the same time.

If and when House Legislative Initiative 18-3 passes both the House and Senate and ratified by voters, double dipping will no longer be allowed for retired classroom teachers, doctors, nurses and other medical professionals.

The initiative amends Article III Section 20(b) of the NMI Constitution.

This constitutional provision refers to exemptions granted to classroom teachers, doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals, who could be re-employed without losing their retirement benefits for up to two years.

The House Special Committee on NMI Retirement Fund, chaired by Rep. Mario Taitano (IR-Saipan), said the practice of adding to Fund members' benefits in these tough economic times "has to be put to a halt."

Of the nine committee members, only five signed off on the report on HLI 18-3—Taitano, Reps. Antonio Agulto (IR-Saipan), Antonio Sablan (IR-Saipan), Lorenzo Deleon

Guerrero (IR-Saipan), and Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan).

The committee report says the CNMI government has, over the years, made strides in providing scholarships to secondary and postsecondary students and "therefore double dipping is no longer necessary."

The panel also said in its report that all retirees who return to government service should be treated equally as any other

government employee fresh out of school or currently employed by the CNMI under the defined benefit, defined contribution or Social Security program.

"Your Special Committee finds that (HLI 18-3) is a step in the right direction in taking away certain benefits afforded to retirees that have hampered the functions of the Retirement Fund," the report says.

This initiative could be taken up in the House's next session.



NOTICE OF MEETING Northern Marianas College Board of Regents' Special Meeting

Date : Friday, June 21, 2013
Time : 8:30a.m.
Place : Northern Marianas College
BOR Conference Room
Saipan Campus

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- II. New Business**
 - a. Board Resolution - To consider and adopt amendments to NMC's Non-Profit Charter of Incorporation in order to incorporate the Internal Revenue Service requirements for a Non-profit 501 c (3) status.
- III. Executive Session**

(At any time during the scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)
- IV. Board Meeting Assessment**
- V. Adjournment**

/s/ Juan T. Lizama
BOR Chairperson

Date: June 18, 2013



UNITED STATES Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING



Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities is hereby gives notice that it will hold a 2nd Quarter General Membership Meeting on Friday, June 21, 2013, from 10:00am - 2:00pm at the Charley's Room, Pacific Islands Club - Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES - January 29, 2013**
- V. ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Election of Officer
 - i. Secretary
 - b. Review and approval of State Plan Amendments for FY 2014 to 2016
- VI. REPORT**
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Executive Director
 - c. Fiscal Committee Chairperson
 - d. State Plan Committee Chairperson
- VII. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Call-A-Ride Saipan Transportation Program Update
 - b. Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority Update
 - c. Voices of the CNMI - Saipan, Tinian and Rota Chapter Updates
 - d. Status of Commonwealth Respite Services Program Regulations
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Summer Camp Update
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- X. MISCELLANEOUS**
- XI. NEXT MEETING**
- XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.

In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ Thomas J. Camacho
Chairman

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Rota National Park study bill again passes US House

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. House of Representatives has again passed legislation authorizing the Interior secretary to study the suitability and feasibility of adding areas on Rota to the National Park system. The Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Act, H.R. 674, was adopted without dissent yesterday. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), the bill's author, managed H.R. 674 during floor debate. The House approved the Rota study legis-

lation in both the 111th and the 112th Congresses, but the Senate has never acted.

"Mindful of the previous House votes, I will not 'preach to the choir,'" Sablan said during yesterday's brief discussion of his bill. "But I do think it worth reminding my colleagues that a Park Service reconnaissance survey reported in 2005 that Rota contains natural, archaeological, and historical features of 'national significance.' These include pre-contact vil-

lage sites of the Chamorro people, who discovered and populated the Mariana Islands 3,500 years ago."

Both Sablan and the Republican manager, Rep. Rob Bishop (Utah), addressed the issue of cost during their remarks.

One hundred Republicans voted against the Rota study bill in the last Congress. Cost was a concern in that vote.



Sablan

Yesterday, however, Sablan reminded his colleagues that the Congressional Budget Office had found that H.R. 674 would not affect direct spending or revenues. And, yesterday, no one voted against the Rota bill.

Sablan's bill is not alone in finding the Senate to be a roadblock. Three other bills on the House agenda yesterday were

also coming up for passage a third time. Each of those bills, as Sablan's, had been approved by the House in previous Congresses, only to die in the Senate.

"We all understand that even getting simple legislation through Congress can be a complex process," Sablan said. "And we all know that to be successful here you have to learn never to give up."

"Having a National Park could be profoundly beneficial for the economy of Rota,

though. So, I will keep pushing for this feasibility study, which is an important step on the way to establishing a Park unit.

"Having the ancient Chamorro sites on Rota and the limestone forests that provide habitat for endangered species there protected by the National Park system also ensures that those cultural and natural resources will still be available for future generations to appreciate and learn from.

"That is another important reason to keep working until we get this bill enacted into law." (PR)

3 Saipan students win IFIT scholarships

HAGATNA, Guam—Three Saipan students are among the five new beneficiaries of the Bank of Guam's 2013 Bankon Ifit Scholarship.

The three are Karen Christine T. Alamer of the Marianas Baptist Academy (Saipan), who will be attending Bob Jones University; Peter Paul H. Camacho of Kagman High School (Saipan), who will be attending the University of Washington; and Angela Faith Mamaril of the Grace Christian Academy (Saipan), who will be attending Emory University.

The other two awardees are Nathaniel San Nicolas of the Father Duenas Memorial School (Guam), who will be attending George Washington University, and Michelle Antoinette B. Santo Domingo of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam (Guam), who will be attending San Diego State University.

The scholarship program awards \$2,000 to each high school graduate selected, plus a paid summer internship with the Bank of Guam. (PR)



TOP TEN

The Top Ten students of Kagman High School are presented with their awards during the school's commencement exercise on Monday, June 17 at the Marianas High School Gymnasium

REINA S. PEREZ

CUC sets power outage on Saturday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a power interruption on Saturday, June 22, 2013, from 8:30am to 11:30am, along Middle Road (Chalan Pale Arnold Road).

The purpose of the interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow CUC line crew to safely replace two rotted power poles in front of the Commonwealth

Health Center and next to the CHC traffic light.

In addition, a separate crew will be installing a new air break switch on Lower Navy Hill. The new switch will provide the line crew the added ability to isolate problematic areas of the electrical distribution circuit and minimize inconvenience to customers.

Water services may be af-

fected in the area during the power interruption; however, all services should be restored after the power is re-energized.

Areas that will be affected are: Feeder 1 (1st and 2nd partial) and Feeder 3 (2nd partial): From Lower Base Power Plant 1, Fish and Wildlife, Sadog Tasi, Puerto Rico Shell Gas Station, Tropical Laundry, Anaks, Bank

of Hawaii, Lower Navy Hill, CHC, Navy Hill, Maturana Hill, Kahoon, Chalan Galaide, China Town (Senate Av., Matsue St., Judge Wy., Komiti Av.), Upper China Town, Falipe, Taro Sue, Sugar King Park, Pacific Medical Center, CMS, and Gualo Rai. CUC Lift Stations: Maui-4, Sadog Tasi Northern Sewer Treatment System, S-2, S-8, and S-9. Traffic lights: Puerto Rico, Lower Navy Hill, and

Gualo Rai.

"Because of the scale of the work that will be performed, we ask travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas. CUC apologizes for any inconvenience this power interruption may have on the community and will continue to work diligently to minimize future interruptions," said a CUC statement. (CUC)



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**SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
INTERIOR PLANT SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-004-13**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals from interested plant nurseries, suppliers, firms or individuals for the supply, service and maintenance of Interior (indoor) Plants at the Saipan International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing interior plants for a period of two (2) years as detailed in the Scope of Work. The proposal package which includes the scope of work and evaluation factors will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on May 20, 2013. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to the RFP shall take into account any and all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for this project.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Saipan International Airport Interior Plant Service and Maintenance. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, June 28, 2013, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

All proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: (1) price, (2) ability to supply plants and (3) relevant experience.

Proposer will be required to obtain insurance policies based on CPA's requirements. Copies of the insurance requirements may be obtained with the scope of work at the office of the Executive Director.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request For Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibilities in any act of omission on the part of offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of offeror's preparation of the proposal or supply under the contract. This RFP does not commit CPA to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Offeror will be required to comply with all CMM and applicable Federal laws. This RFP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: 05/20/13



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**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-008-13**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority invites interested insurance brokers, licensed to conduct business on Saipan, to submit proposals for providing Insurance Brokerage Services singularly or in partnership with others. The Broker selected will be appointed as CPA's exclusive Broker of Record for a one-year period with the option to extend the contract annually, up to a maximum of three years at CPA's sole discretion.

The location and Scope of Work package is available beginning June 17, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Proposal for CPA Insurance Brokerage Services (CPA-RFP-008-13)." One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, July 19, 2013, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

There will be no pre-proposal meeting.

Proposals submitted after the aforementioned deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: 06/11/2013



**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
2013-CDA-03-RFP**

Submission Date: July 10, 2013 • Time: 10:00 a.m.

"FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014 FOR CDA and NMHC"

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ MANUELA A. SABLAN
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director P&S

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WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY

2013 Summer Youth Employment Training Program Qualifiers

SAIPAN QUALIFIERS			
Work Schedule: July 1-26, 2013			
PARTICIPANT	POSITION	PLACEMENT	WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
1 AGUITO, Austin Blake M.	Parole Officer Aide	Board of Parole	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
2 AGUON, Augustin Bonifacio Jr.	Office Clerk	Department of Commerce-Central Statistics Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
3 ALARZAR, John Ralph M.	Clinical Attendant Trainee	CHCC-Chest Clinic & Radiology Unit	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
4 ALDAN, Vances Vangelynn K.	Commonwealth Ports Authority-Accounting Department	Commonwealth Ports Authority-Accounting Department	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
5 AMANDUS, Clarence Lee	Office Clerk Trainee	Civil Service Commission-Office of Personnel Management	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
6 AMRIOLA, Sally Joy Felisa S.	Assistant Youth Program Coordinator Trainee	Office of Youth Affairs-Koblerville Youth Learning Center	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
7 ATALIG, Luciana Tacko N.	Information Specialist/System Navigator Trainee	Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
8 ATAN, Ann B.	Office Assistant Trainee	Commonwealth Cancer Association	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
9 ATYN, Joe	License Clerk Trainee	DPS-Bureau of Motor Vehicle	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
10 BABAUTA, Avilyn B.	Medical Records Technician Trainee	CHCC-Health Information Management Office	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
11 BABAUTA, Crystal Kay B.	HR Clerk Trainee	CHCC-Human Resource Office	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
12 BABAUTA, Dasey Dione L.	Office Clerk Trainee	Department of Commerce-Central Statistics Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
13 BABAUTA, David John L.	Office Clerk Trainee	Department of Commerce-Enforcement & Compliance Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
14 BABAUTA, Davicy B.	Clerk Trainee	CHCC-Public Health Admin	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
15 BABAUTA, Jacob R.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Office of the Governor-Management & Budget	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
16 BABAUTA, John N.	Sports & Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Division of Sports & Recreation (Ada Gym)	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
17 BABAUTA, Veronice Ann S.	Office Clerk Trainee	DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
18 BABAUTA, Versali R.	Office Clerk Trainee	Board of Parole	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
19 BISEK, Kirie S.	Medical Records Technician Trainee	CHCC-Health Information Management Office	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
20 BORJA, Brinay Ann C.	Office Clerk Trainee	Department of Commerce-Banking	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
21 CABBERA, Andrew Ryan S.	Office Clerk Trainee	Representative Teresita A. Santos	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
22 CABBERA, Brandon Joe E.	Warehouseman Trainee	Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc.	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
23 CALAGE, Renee Jefferson S.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPL-Administration Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
24 CAMACHO, Isabel C.	Office Clerk Trainee	Department of Commerce-Small Business Development	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
25 CAMACHO, Joanna Lynn T.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPL-Planning Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
26 CAMACHO, Joshua Michael A. Jr.	Office Aide Trainee	DCCA-Childcare Development & Fund Program	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
27 CAMACHO, Kayla Marie R.	Office Assistant Trainee	Transpacific International, Inc.-ITI Office	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
28 CAMACHO, Mikala Marie C.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DCCA-Secretary's Office	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
29 CARDINIO, Marinezh Joy B.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPL-Real Estate Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
30 CASTRO, Jeffrey T. Jr.	Forestry Trainee	Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
31 CASTRO, Margaret Josephine	Supply Technician Clerk Trainee	CHCC-Material Management Office (Lower Base)	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
32 CASTRO, Michael Jordan	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
33 CASTRO, Shaina Nonille	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
34 CHIPWELONG, Tanya	Office Clerk Trainee	Civil Service Commission-Office of Personnel Management	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
35 CRUZ, Ignacio M.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
36 CUCAL, Young Asvi D.	Office Clerk Trainee	DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
37 DEPICH, Jason M.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPL-Planning Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
38 DIONISIO, JulieAnn Marie	Office Clerk Trainee	SHEFA	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
39 DIONISIO, Mario Alberto K.	Office Assistant Trainee	Commonwealth Ports Authority-Administration (Airport)	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
40 DIONISIO, Peter John K.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
41 DUENAS, Martin C. Jr.	Forestry Trainee	Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
42 ESNER, Keri Rose C.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
43 ESNER, Kerin Jr. C.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
44 ESNER, Kinsou Tamison C.	Warehouseman Trainee	Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc.	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
45 FIDEN, Rori Soulik	Accounting Clerk Trainee	CHCC-Financial Services-Billing Office	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
46 FLORENCO, Walter A. Jr.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPS-Traffic	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
47 HELSON, Rosty Davis	Sports & Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Division of Sports & Recreation (Ada Gym)	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
48 HOCOG, Baybie Dolores SN	Office Clerk Trainee	DPS-Administration	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
49 IGISOMAR, John Davin R.	Office Assistant Trainee	Commonwealth Ports Authority-Lease/Compliance & HR	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
50 ILO, Lirassan Mircelo	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Office of Senator Jovita M. Taimaano	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
51 ILO, Nepheligg Kekiela	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Office of Senator Pete P. Reyes	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
52 ILO, Raulyn C.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Office of the Senate President	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
53 JONES, Jessly L.	Youth Leader Trainee	Representative Felicidad T. Ogunoma (Garapan Community Development Center)	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
54 KAIPTAT, Aloia Betty Marie	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
55 KAIPTAT, Christine Mary W.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
56 KANESHI, Blanche Ashley M.	Clerk Trainee	Office of the Public Defender	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
57 KAZUJO, Sharlette N.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPL-Administration Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
58 KENIO, Ia	Office Assistant Trainee	Commonwealth Ports Authority-Administration (Airport)	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
59 KEREMEN, Angela H.	Office Clerk Trainee	CHCC-Public Health Admin	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
60 KIKU, Jerry P.	Assistant Youth Program Coordinator Trainee	Office of Youth Affairs-Koblerville Youth Learning Center	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
61 KILELEMAN, John Jr. A.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPS-Highway Safety Office	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
62 LIZAMA, Franklin Jay DLS	Office Clerk Trainee	DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
63 LIZAMA, Peyton Giovanni DLS	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
64 LUCAS, Patricia Delores L.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DCCA-Division of Sports & Recreation (Ada Gym)	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
65 MAI, Bettina F.	Office Clerk Trainee	Office of the Senate President	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
66 MANABAT, Kiamalya Sabrina P.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPS-Logistics & Support Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
67 MANALO, Kaysha Shevonne A.	Office Aide Trainee	DCCA-Childcare Development & Fund Program	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
68 MENCHNOR, Mackdon M.	Office Assistant Trainee	Commonwealth Cancer Association	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
69 MENDIOLA, Jonathan Walker OJ S.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
70 METTAO, Jessm O.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Xerox Corporation	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
71 MIONES, Demirose M.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DCCA-Deputy Secretary's Office	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
72 MUNA, Shawn L.	Fire Trainee	DPS-Fire Division (Fire Station 1-Susape)	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
73 MUNA, Stevelyann Gemel I.	Clerk Trainee	Office of the Public Defender	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
74 NORECH, Kaystone KN	Surveyor Aide Trainee	DPL-Planning Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
75 NORITA, Aitton N.	Sports & Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Division of Sports & Recreation (Ada Gym)	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
76 OLATITMAN, Tina Del I.	Parole Officer Aide	Board of Parole	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
77 OLAPAL, Jovanni L.	Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry	Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
78 OMENGAR, Kory Adam M.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
79 OSCAR, Nancy A.	Office Clerk Trainee	CHCC-Financial Services-Accounts Payable	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
80 PETER, Ramona Norita C.	Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb	Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
81 PHILLIP, Lovene R.	Office Clerk Trainee	Office of the Governor-Management & Budget	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
82 REYES, Asunson S.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
83 REYES, Suzie I.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
84 RIOS, Esteana A.	Office Clerk Trainee	Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc.	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
85 RUBEN, Becky	Office Clerk Trainee	DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
86 SABLAN, Julian S.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
87 SABULAO, Christine Mercedes L.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
88 SAN NICOLAS, Daniel Adrian A.	Office Clerk Trainee	Department of Commerce-Central Statistics Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
89 SANCHEZ, Rodolene Carmen G.	Office Clerk Trainee	Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc.	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
90 SANTOS, Jena T.	Supply Technician Clerk Trainee	CHCC-Material Management Office (Lower Base)	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
91 SANTOS, Shane Peter T.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
92 SATUR, Margie Kai	Office Clerk Trainee	Department of Commerce-Admin Registrar	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
93 SECH, Nurlen	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
94 SECH, Nages	Office Clerk Trainee	DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
95 SIKSEI, Micky Marau S.	Customs Trainee	DOF-Division of Customs Service Support	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
96 SIMINA, Justin	License Clerk Trainee	DPS-Bureau of Motor Vehicle	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
97 SONGAO, Fred Anthony DLS	Forestry Trainee	Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
98 TABILISMA, Ashley T.	Office Clerk Trainee	Office of Senator Ray N. Yumul	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
99 TABILISMA, Samson Ryan T.	Forestry Trainee	Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
100 TAIACAN, Christina A.	Office Clerk Trainee	DPL-Real Estate Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
101 TAITANO, Consolacion P.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	DCCA-Council for Arts & Culture	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
102 TAMAN, Derek S.	Clerk Trainee	CHCC-Public Health Admin	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
103 TEREGETYO, Jesus Wesley P.	Office Clerk Trainee	DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
104 TEREGETYO, John Anthony P.	Surveyor Aide Trainee	DPL-Planning Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
105 TIPPINGEN, Mideat Jr. N.	Sports & Recreation Trainee	DCCA-Division of Sports & Recreation (Ada Gym)	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
106 TORRES, Camille Joy C.	Office Clerk Trainee	Board of Professional Licensing/Healthcare Professional Licensing Board	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
107 WABAL, Monica Maylan M.	Lab Clerk Trainee	CHCC-Laboratory Unit	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
108 WALBY, Walwyn T.	Forestry Trainee	Division of Agriculture-CNMI Forestry	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
109 YUGIMANG, Jared	Assistant Youth Program Coordinator Trainee	DPS-Police Division	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
110 ZACHIRAIAS, Lora W.	Assistant Youth Program Coordinator Trainee	Office of Youth Affairs-Koblerville Youth Learning Center	Tuesday, June 25, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center

PARTICIPANT	POSITION	PLACEMENT	WORKSHOP SCHEDULE
42 FERNANDEZ, Merly Ann F.	Library Aide Trainee	Joeten Kiyu Public Library	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
43 FITIAL, Nayam	Administrative Assistant Trainee	CUC-Financial Accounts Management Division	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
44 FLOTOR, Daniel	Stocker Trainee	JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Susape Market	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
45 HELSON, Melvin Devis	Bell Boy Trainee	Saipan World Resort	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
46 HIPOLITO, Norjay B.	Stocker Trainee	JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Ace Hardware San Vicente	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
47 ICHIHARA, Aili G.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Marianas Business Plaza	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
48 IDERBEL, Meredith Theresa R.	Payroll Trainee	DPW-Roads & Grounds Division Lower Base	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
49 IGISOMAR, Leony Jane	Reservation Clerk Trainee	Hyatt Regency Resort-Reservations	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
50 INOS, David C.	Office Clerk Trainee	NMHC-Administration Division	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
51 ISKAWA, Rdechor Jr. T.	Office Clerk Trainee	NMC-Dean of Academic Programs & Services	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
52 JACK, Traia	Office Clerk Trainee	JET Holding Company-Office	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
53 JOHNNY, Ketely I.	File Clerk Trainee	Mariana Resort & Spa	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
54 JONES, Janet L.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Sorenson Media Saipan	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
55 KAIPTAT, Carmelinda Lupe	Guest Service Officer Trainee	Hyatt Regency Resort-Bell Desk	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
56 KAIPTAT, Dante Peterson	Guest Service Officer Trainee	Hyatt Regency Resort-Club Elan	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
57 KAIPTAT, Franklin Daniel	Driver Helper Trainee	JG Sablan Water & Ice, Inc.	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
58 KAIPTAT, Paul Joe W.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	CUC-Power Division	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
59 KAIPTAT, Paulsen-Malona W.	Stocker Trainee	JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Kaganan Market	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
60 KAZUJO, Sullivan Rechirei	Stocker Trainee	JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Dandan	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
61 KILLEMAN, Nathaniel A.	Sales Clerk Trainee	JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Susape Department Store	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
62 LACANLALE, Edward S.	Stocker Trainee	JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Ace Hardware Gualo Rai	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
63 LIMES, Sammy Lee L.	Sales Clerk Trainee	JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Hafa Adai Shopping Center	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
64 LIWY, Dadrina Maria I.	Kitchen Trainee	360 Revolving Restaurant	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
65 LIZAMA, Dorothea Carmen D.	Office Clerk Trainee	NMC-Testing Center	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
66 LIZAMA, Duanenaylan Lorraine D.	Office Clerk Trainee	NMC-Office of Admissions & Records	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
67 LIZAMA, Jack David D.	IT Trainee	NMC-Information System/Technology	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
68 MALITY, Shavna Lynn S.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	CUC-Water Division	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
69 MARAS, Keyron	Office Clerk Trainee	NMC-Nursing Department	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
70 MARAS, Raulin R.J.E.	Shop Trainee	NMC-Admin Services (Shop)	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
71 METTAO, Jim Gary O.	Office Clerk Trainee	NMHC-Fiscal Division	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
72 MORALES, Stephanie Natasha C.	F&B Trainee	Aqua Resort	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
73 NAOG, Derrick P.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	CUC-Wastewater Division	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
74 NARCISO, Hyrisht Joy C.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	CUC-Executive Office	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
75 NGIRAROS, Somie Jr.	Guest Service Officer Trainee	Hyatt Regency Resort-Bell Desk	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
76 NIMWES, Mary Gin	Front Desk Trainee	Saipan World Resort	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
77 NOBLE, Maria Abigail T.	HR Clerk Trainee	Saipan World Resort	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
78 NORECH, Agatha Christine W.	Office Clerk Trainee	NMC-Office of the President	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
79 NORITA, Catrina K.	F&B Trainee	Aqua Resort	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
80 NORITA, Dennis N.	Bell Boy Trainee	Saipan World Resort	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
81 NORITA, Lori Lynn K.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Pacific Airport Services-Aircraft Maintenance	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
82 OMAR, Daman J.	Office Trainee	DPW-Solid Waste Management Division (Lower Base)	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
83 PAGALDIAN, Jasmin S.	Receptionist Trainee	Bank of Saipan	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
84 PANGELINAN, Dolores Josephine	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Princess Staffing	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
85 PAULIS, Jerilyn T.	Script Writer Trainee	Sorenson Media Saipan	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
86 PETER, Kileen Freda	Office Clerk Trainee	NMC-Human Resource Office	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
87 PETER, Manny F.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	CUC-Financial Accounts Management Division	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
88 PETER, M-Fred F.	Office Clerk Trainee	NMHC-Mortgage & Credit Division	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
89 QUIMSON, Shida Marie E.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	CUC-Payroll Division	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
90 RAY, DJ Craig A.	Bagger Trainee	JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Hafa Adai Shopping Center	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
91 REGINIO, Ceso M. Jr.	Stocker Trainee	JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Joeten Susape Market	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
92 REYES, Albert John P.	IT Trainee	NMC-Information System/Technology	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
93 REYES, Isolina S.	Administrative Assistant Trainee	Pacific Airport Services-Cargo	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
94 RIOS, Haley Jessopha A.	Library Aide Trainee	Joeten Kiyu Public Library	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3:00pm Multi-Purpose Center
95 RIOS, Jeremy A.	Stocker Trainee	JC Tenorio Ent, Inc.-Ace Hardware Susape	Wednesday, June 26, 2013 8:00am-3

'Pistang Pinoy' caps Independence Day celebration



By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

The Filipino community on Saipan capped the celebration of their country's 115th Independence Day with a Filipino-style fiesta, *Pistang Pinoy*, at the Garapan Fishing Base on Sunday that saw the staging of the first ever Pinoy Super Gay Model contest.

The daylong festivities started at noon and saw the Garapan Fishing Base transformed into a *perya* (town fair), with many booths selling food, trinkets, souvenirs, and other items. The United Filipino Organization,

which spearheaded the event, lined up a host of entertainment, contests, and games.

Gerry Mesina, the High Pitch Band, Rolly Capayas, Uncle Ben's Dream Academy Stars, and other groups and individuals provided entertainment on stage. Games and contests included a children's art contest, tug of war, a sack race, and other fun games.

The highlight of the program was the 2013 Pinoy Super Gay Model Contest, the first time that a gay modeling contest was held as part of the *Pistang Pinoy* celebration. The contest fea-

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Crowds gather during the *Pistang Pinoy* celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base on Sunday, June 16.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 19, 2005

Babauta junks bill stripping his CIP authority

Gov. Juan N. Babauta has disapproved a bill that essentially strips him of his spending authority over federal grant funds. Babauta vetoed House Bill 14-144, which seeks to require legislative approval prior to the use of federal funds, which include capital improvement project funds obtained through the Covenant and the Compact Impact compensation. In his eight-page veto message, Babauta said the bill "impermissibly encroaches upon the authority of the U.S. Congress to appropriate federal funds" as it amends the CNMI law related to the use of "federal grant funds" to require legislative approval on "state" level prior to the expenditure of such funds.

Piecemeal budget for PSS gains support

If the Legislature is unable to pass a new budget for the next fiscal year, Gov. Juan N. Babauta favors the passage of a piecemeal budget for the Public School System. "If they want to go piecemeal, let PSS be the first and let everybody else gets the rest. Education is the priority of this administration," said Babauta during a Cabinet meeting last Wednesday. This came following doubts that the administration's proposal to raise poker fees to generate revenues would

pass the Legislature. The administration submitted a \$225.6 million proposed budget for FY 2006 but the House Ways and Means Committee members have agreed to endorse only \$206 million as available resources for the next fiscal year.

June 19, 2006

'Nobody has been terminated yet'

Not one contractual worker in government has been issued a termination notice, despite the administration's announcement that walking papers would be sent out more than a week ago, it was learned Friday. Esther Fleming, the governor's special assistant for administration, said that the termination letters had been prepared, but they were still being reviewed by the Attorney General's Office. "Nobody has received a termination notice yet," Fleming said. She added, however, that the letters would be released early this week. Fleming also said that only about 100 excepted service employees would be let go. Earlier announcements stated that the government layoffs would affect practically all non-civil service employees, who make up about half of the government's 5,000-strong workforce.

Fund exec: We have options

The NMI Retirement Fund said it will soon make public its plans or the possible legal actions it would take—such as filing for bankruptcy or a lawsuit against the government—following the enactment of bills affecting the agency's future. Fund board chair Joseph Reyes declined to divulge specific plans on Saturday, citing that the board has yet to hold an emergency meeting this week. Further, he

said the Fund is also awaiting the opinion of its consultants. "We will hold a press conference [this] week to lay down our plans," said the chairman.

June 19, 2007

Top Fashion workers broach grievances

Three representatives of Chinese workers at Top Fashion Garment in Tanapag met with representatives from the CNMI Department of Labor and Chinese Economic Development Association at the Federal Ombudsman's Office yesterday morning where they aired their grievances. Top Fashion's management allowed the three representatives to attend a meeting at the office of Federal Ombudsman Jim Benedetto. Benedetto, assistant attorney general Dorothy Hill, who is counsel for the CNMI Department of Labor, and an officer from CEDA, talked with the workers with the assistance of an interpreter.

'Immigration bill won't provide US citizenship'

The CNMI immigration bill now pending in the U.S. Senate would allow long-term foreign workers to live in the United States indefinitely, but not to apply for U.S. citizenship, according to U.S. Interior Secretary David B. Cohen. Cohen, who led the drafting of the bill, yesterday clarified that qualified workers would be eligible for non-immigrant status similar to those enjoyed by citizens of freely associated states. This status is different from "permanent residence," which is granted to qualified non-U.S. citizens who successfully apply to become "immigrants." Permanent residents get "green cards" and are generally eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship after five years.



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Musician Gerry Mesina provides entertainment at the *Pistang Pinoy* celebration at the Garapan Fishing Base on Sunday June 16.

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tured 17 contestants who duked it out for the Best in Catwalk, Star of the Night, Darling of the Crowd, Best in Fantasy, Best in Talent, and Best in Evening Gown awards.

By the time the night ended, Contestant No. 14, Maria Venus Raj, was crowned the overall winner. She also won the Best in Fantasy and the Best in Evening Gown awards.

The Darling of the Crowd was Contestant No. 5, Milkshake, while the winner of the Catwalk prize was Contestant No. 3, Bernadette Cleopatra Marquez.

The Star of the Night award went to Contestant No. 11, Venus, who also won the Best in Talent prize.

Judges for the contest were Eli Arago, senior vice president of Tan Holdings, Haidee Eugenio, a member of the University of Philippines Alumni Association and *Saipan Tribune* reporter; Michael Temperante of Joeten Enterprises, Rowena Altures, president of the CNMI Nursing Association; and Ulysis Sabuco. The tabulators were Irene Santiago of MIFICPA and Flor Miranda, UFO's auditor.

UFO president Annamae Adaza sends her appreciation to the major sponsors, donors, souvenir book advertisers, and to all the member organizations, officers and volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

"As the saying goes 'coming together is the beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success' which is true enough with UFO. We did a successful show that the community appreciates and will talk about. Everyone played an important role and all efforts, whether big or small, are recognized and appreciated. Thank you my UFO family," Adaza said.

She encouraged the Filipino community to support the UFO candidate for the 2013 Liberation Queen, Melody Johnson. For tickets to help support Melody Johnson, call Adaza at 483-5237.

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United Filipino Organization president Annamae Adaza starts off the 2013 super gay model competition.

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The tabulators for the super gay model competition are Irene Santiago and Flor Miranda

for this event are as follows: Docomo Pacific, LBC Mabu-hay, Western Union, TSL Foundation, KWAU 100.3FM, Allen School of Dance & Performing Arts, Avon, Adrialen Dela Cruz, Antalia De Guzman, Brabu Pharmacy, Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel, Coca-Cola, Crispin and Socorro Hulganga, Danny and Remy Buniag, Digital Motion, Dolphin Wholesale, Eli Arago, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Fong's Bakery, Gemma Batusin, Genpro International, Gerry and Edna Encio, Jhem's Restaurant, June



The High Pitch Band provides entertainment at the *Pistang Pinoy* celebration of the Filipino community on Saipan at the Garapan Fishing Base on Sunday June 16.

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Contestants for the Pinoy Super Gay Model in their evening gown.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Pinoy Super Gay Model awardees pose for a group photo at the Garapan Fishing Base on Sunday night.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The winner of the first Super Gay Model competition is Maria Venus Raj.

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EDITORIAL

Sarah Murnaghan gets new lungs; what happens next?

Ten-year-old Sarah Murnaghan of Pennsylvania has a new set of transplanted lungs today. She didn't get them in the usual way, by moving to the top of the waiting list and being fortunate enough that a donation of suitable lungs came through.

Sarah got her new lungs after U.S. District Judge Michael Baylson last week ordered Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to allow Sarah the same access as adults to lungs from adult donors.

That's not the way it usually works. Because of the difficulties in fitting adult lungs into a child's body and other medical hurdles, children younger than 12 are first in line for lungs from donors of their own age. They are second in line for lungs from adolescent donors, aged 12 to 17. Usually they receive adult lungs only if no adult awaiting transplant in the local area accepts the lungs, which is rare.

Sebelius had refused to change the rules because giving Sarah special consideration would mean other young people waiting for transplants would have to wait longer. But Sarah's parents sued. Her family and friends launched a petition drive that gathered more than 372,000 signatures.

In ordering the "under-12 rule" set aside, Baylson cited the plaintiff's argument that the rule "discriminates against children and serves no purpose, is arbitrary, capricious and an abuse of discretion."

The judge did not order the transplant. But Sarah, who was critically ill because her lungs were ravaged by cystic fibrosis, was fortunate: Adult lungs were available. Doctors said the surgery was a success.

Sarah's parents are elated. We rejoice with them.

But we think that this case should not set a legal precedent. Organ transplants, whether for children or adults, are governed by complex rules that take into account death rates among people waiting for lungs and the survival rates after transplantation. In general, lungs go to those who are sickest, and also those most likely to do well after a transplant.

Sarah's case "is a thorny ethical decision and a complicated medical one," Northwestern Memorial Hospital's chief of thoracic surgery Dr. Malcolm DeCamp told us. "The size of the donor and of the recipient is critical. Lungs vary in size primarily according to height, gender and age. The courts are clearly poorly equipped to adjudicate this kind of decision."

He's right. Transplant decisions should be driven by medical professionals, by doctors consulting with patients and their families, not by the courts. Taking these delicate medical decisions to court invites "significant chaos and inherent unfairness because access to the courts is not equal," Alexandra Glazier, ethics committee chair of the United Network for Organ Sharing, (UNOS) told The Associated Press. "Public trust and procedural fairness demands that organ allocation policies be made in an open public process and not by urgently convened committees."

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Jose Rizal

The name José Protasio Rizal Mercado y Alonso Realonda looks more like one in a CNMI political leaflet in an election season. It is actually that of the polymath Philippine national hero of 21 syrupy tongues born 152 years ago, and one of the archipelago's brains who wanted his ethnic kind to be properly represented in Spain's liberalized Cortes. He was a prolific writer for the cause of reform during the Spanish era in *Las Islas Filipinas*.

Better known simply as Jose Rizal worldwide, a revered multitalented runt to my generation (seventh out of 11 children, the second boy with a male second eldest in a distinguished family of lace and fans), he is often lined up with the likes of Sun Yat Sen, Tagore, and Gandhi, later to MLK Jr. in America and Mandela of South Africa, for his preference for non-violent means to attain change, holding on to violent revolution as a last resort.

(Rizal was the son of a fifth-generation Fujian descendant who changed his surname Lam Co into Mercado, meaning a merchant, when the Spanish authorities encouraged natives to adopt the names of Spanish towns.)

"Why independence today if the slaves are just going to be the tyrants of tomorrow?" sounded more cautionary than revolutionary, but the civic group *La Liga Filipina* that he founded evolved into the clandestine society of the Katipunan that led to his being cast into the dungeons of Fort Santiago as a subversive (*felibustero*).

My Canadian daughter who spent some time as a volunteer community worker in Mindanao calls me "tatang," the honorific but formal title used by younger people for older men in my native dialect. Of Indo-Malay origin, the term can be heard from Madagascar to the Marquesas through Malayalam and Tamil where it probably originated. "Nana" in China refers to Grandma, used in the same tone and respect.

"Tang Jose in Iloco is Lolo Jose in popularized Tagalog terms as sung by a folk group in my time in commemoration of Jose Rizal. We were dismissive of him when we started getting politicized due to the rhetorical observation that he was the preferred Gringo hero versus Bonifacio who was too quick with the revolver and the sword. Rizal the reformist was mightier with the pen than the pistol, we were told.

We spent a whole summer in our late teens in a coconut frond tent in Mindanao's *Dapitan en Zamboanga del Norte* with some 50 student leaders across the country in the pilot Rizal Youth Leadership Training Institute organized by the YMCA. There we lived in the shadow of the inspirational and romantic Jose whose solitary methods were exemplary and laudable but perhaps too subtle in organizational aptitude to what we perceived then as the time's requirements for social upheaval in the '60s. JFK had already been shamed in Cuba so he authorized Vietnam. LBJ's Civil Rights Act was proving to be stillborn, and MLK would see that oppression in another continent is no different from the exploitation of the subser-

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vients on hand.

If the Cry of Balintawak rang louder in our ears in our youth, we recognize now that 'Tang Jose's diligent burning of the midnight oil has captured more imagination in *Pinoy's* evolutionary starts and spurts than has the barrel of the gun accomplished other than the shedding of further tears in the countryside and the barricades.

Our pronouncement is more a function of age than of tirade, some will say. We concur. We trust, however, that the current movement of the *Pinoy* in diaspora would recognize that the task of reforming nationalism resides in an ethno-geographical definition beyond fealty in the *barangay* and on to the whole survival of the specie itself as it confronts greater challenges than simply the pride of the Malay race.

Mianzi is the revered keeping of "face" in Chinese culture, still operational in daily Zhongguo affairs. My university's Oral English students no longer revert into fistfights at the mere slur of their reputation—either with a laugh or an off-hand comment while speaking—but it is easy to recognize the red face when these occur. We ask on the first day of class that "face" stay outside the classroom. Describing real-life experiences, expressing feelings, articulating thoughts, and formulating plans are the orders of the day. That is their recommended preoccupation. Students have so far complied.

Not so with our 7-year-olds in our weekend volunteer classes. A slight snob or scorn and the hardened knuckles go to work for both boys and girls, with the girls adding shrill sounds of the cat's snare. Given the current ethos of "looking after #1" in contemporary Chinese education, the matter of "face" will not subside soon.

Rizal had Spain to contend with. His cautionary word on "slave becoming tyrants" had been taken seriously by the ilustrados and the illuminati; the educated and highly talented Marcos would prove him prescient. *Pinoy's* "ano na lang ang sasabihin nila?" (what will people say?), in Imelda's behavior, is but a variant of the *Mianzi* syndrome.

Rizal did his work, paid dearly with a life snuffed at its prime. Our time requires the same discipline and intensity as it was in his. Time to inject the journeys of our lifetimes into the annals of human history.

We say: "These are the times!" Who will respond with, "We are the People!"

Salud, Lolo Jose!

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Debate: Use of Pagan

Local debate slowly escalates between competing interest on the use of Pagan for pozzolan mining, resettlement, and military purposes.

The debate focuses on the need for new revenues to scaffold the bankrupt NMI government that is being dragged into the filthy swamp of a cumulative deficit of some \$740 million: \$369 million regular government deficit plus \$371 million it owes the Fund.

You earnestly hope for leadership, only to see a billboard scribbled: Meet new boss; like old boss! You keep your ears to the ground and you begin to hear the truth in the message including, "There's nothing new up this alley." As such, there's the chance that we may have devolved into the nether world of mediocrity, braving the debilitating effects of subterranean misery in abject poverty.

Hey! Hey! Hey! There's casino nearing full approval where we could close the storybook of "and they lived happily ever after." I seriously doubt, though, that the latter would be the narrative down the stretch. But Buddy Magoo insists that we give opportunity a chance to turn paradise into a gambling hub. Be that as it may, glitz and glamour could serve an interim purpose that makes retaining the integrity of our cultural traditions even harder to sustain in perpetuity.

You pile this atop the ensuing effects of the digital age and out into the sunset fades the essence of these isles and its people. But then change is inevitable, isn't it? OMG, it's all dizzying using tired prism on new sets of challenges, right? Let's discuss each issue in brief form.

Pozzolan: There's nothing but hyperbole on the value of this mineral. While at DPL, we did a circular among nations who may be interested in harvesting this mineral to which no one responded. If it were such a hot item in the global market, then interested investors would have submitted serious queries. No one did. Also learned

that China doesn't need it. It catches its ash sufficiently from power generators then turns them over to cement companies. Turkey boasts the world's highest quality pozzolan.

Resettlement: This issue is hindered by the perennial lack of funds for basic infrastructure. It raises the question of "need," specifically, is there a need for resettlement at this point in time? Or is this sentiment simply gift-wrapped in the acquisition of land for speculative purposes? What's the estimated cost of basic infrastructure emplacement? Is it \$200 million or more like \$1.5 billion? Finally, is it a project we could afford to pay given major reduction in revenue generation?

Military: The NMI fallback position is in the requirement under the Covenant Agreement for congressional approval of any further land acquisition for military purposes. It may use the eminent domain rights to secure Pagan but what would be a compelling reason to resort to this process? At any rate, it would still come with a price or compensation.

Reportedly, specifics to military land use won't be pinned down until sometime in 2018. Caveat: Reportedly, the military buildup lacks a master plan upon which the entire nine yards is subjected to cost estimates and analysis. Such a plan won't be available until after 2018.

Other pertinent issues

While we hear voices for and against use of the island for military purposes, resettlement, and mineral mining, it's premature which option would prevail given the preliminary nature of each issue.

It would require a lot of deliberative discussions between indigenous landowners and key players. The key issue all must focus on is: How would your plan benefit the indigenous people, specifically the protection of their interest?

Definitely, we'd like to see submission of plans for such ventures

Obama, Syria and the Aspin Doctrine

As President Obama contemplates his many bad options in Syria, he may want to consider the Aspin Doctrine, an argument for intervention abroad made by President Clinton's first secretary of defense, Les Aspin.

In 1993, the Clinton administration was wrestling with a seemingly insoluble conflict in Bosnia, where Serbian-backed troops were besieging cities and slaughtering civilians.

Aspin's advice was straightforward: Let's bomb the Serbs and see what happens.

Critics objected that military action would put the United States on a slippery slope toward deeper intervention, but Aspin rejected that thinking as outmoded.

"If it doesn't work," he said, the United States could simply "back off." "Take it one step at a time, and see where we end up," he said.

That's the Aspin Doctrine: Military intervention doesn't have to be a slippery slope as long as you keep the option of walking away.

At first, Clinton rejected Aspin's suggestion. But two years later, he changed his mind and launched airstrikes that helped bring the Bosnian Serbs to the negotiating table—while insisting that he would not send U.S. soldiers into combat there.

Obama's decision last week to send weapons and ammunition to the rebels fighting Bashar Assad's regime in Syria carried a distant echo of Clinton's experience in Bosnia.

Like Clinton, Obama initially rejected proposals for lethal military aid (and still rejects direct military action such as airstrikes or the establishment of a no-fly zone over rebel-held areas). But he announced Thursday that he has decided to help arm the rebels, beginning with modest measures: a gradual escalation of aid including small arms and ammunition now, and perhaps eventually the anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles the rebels say they need most.

That's a significant change from Obama's position six months ago, when then-CIA Director David H. Petraeus proposed sending weapons and was turned down.

Why the policy change? For one thing, moderate factions among the rebels have organized a Supreme Military Council headed by a former Syrian Army general who has inspired a measure of wary confidence in U.S. officials. For another, the CIA finally concluded that Assad's troops have used chemical weapons against the opposition, crossing a "red line" Obama proclaimed last year.

Probably most important, though, is this: The rebels were in danger of losing. Thousands of fighters from Iran and Lebanon's Hezbollah have streamed into Syria over the last three months, and they have helped Assad's regime regain the upper hand on the battlefield.

Obama's decision won't transform the situation on the ground. The rebels may well suffer more reverses in coming weeks. But with similar aid from Britain, France and other countries, the U.S.

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help could speed the process of turning the rebels into a more effective army—one the Assad regime won't be able to destroy.

But the strategy has a weakness: It's hard to see how this still-modest level of aid will bring about Obama's chief goal of forcing Assad to step down.

Strategy is all about matching ends and means; but in Syria, Obama's goals have been ambitious and his means have been meager.

Assad has rejected the advice to quit, and his principal ally, Russia's Vladimir Putin, has supported him. The rebels have been too disorganized to prevail on the battlefield and too divided to negotiate.

Obama was left with two unpalatable options: escalate or accept defeat. Doing nothing might have led to irreversible results, the collapse of the rebels, so he chose to escalate—but only a little and with a vow to put no U.S. boots on the ground.

Some critics will still warn that he has stepped onto a slippery slope that leads to direct military intervention. But that's where the Aspin Doctrine comes in. There are plenty of examples of the United States aiding one faction in a civil war, only to disengage if our client army failed (Ronald Reagan's Contras in Nicaragua, for example).

Obama's gradual escalation doesn't preclude military intervention later—and could even pave the way for it.

In 1995, Clinton began airstrikes only after the Bosnian army, strengthened by help from neighboring Croatia, had begun to hold its own against the Serbs.

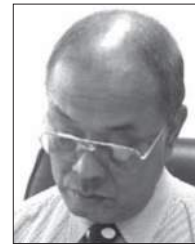
The experience appears to have left Clinton a devotee of the Aspin Doctrine (though the unlucky Aspin was gone by the time Clinton intervened in Bosnia). "Some people say, 'OK, see what a big mess it is? Stay out!'" I think that's a big mistake," Clinton said of Syria last week in comments reported by Politico. "Sometimes it's just best to get caught trying, as long as you don't overcommit."

Increased aid to the rebels, in other words, doesn't need to be a slippery slope—as long as the president remembers to keep his footing.

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as pozzolan and basalt mining, resettlement: cost analysis and fund availability, and military plans including approval from the U.S. Congress. Lest we forget, the feds could use the eminent domain process to secure Pagan but it still must pay indigenous landowners for use of their land.

This journey is far from the perceptual goal line. Meanwhile, it's good to discuss how we feel about the use of the island, be it mining, resettlement, or military purposes; a combination of two or all of the above or none at all.

Yearning for 'home'

For those who were born or have lived on one of the islands up north, their voice for the protection or return "home" didn't spin out of thin air. It's a heartfelt expression of the place they remember as kids, the simple and healthy lifestyle they had so far removed from the sickly demands of modernity.

Their relocation to Saipan by necessity turns the new venue into their "place," not "home." Herein lie the difference in what's "home" and a "place." We must understand and appreciate the difference in the two terms and what they represent. I move to Texas for professional reasons (place) but Saipan remains "home."

Whether our people will eventually return "home," sailing into the sunset of their golden years, is the beginning of that journey home. Their spirits will eventually find "home" and live peacefully at their place of birth. They will join the spirits of our ancestors who have preserved this archipelago for thousands of years.

These folks have left their footprints on the shores and hills of those islands a long, long time ago. Claiming their dreams even spiritually brings that sense of tranquility of going home in hopes of being laid to rest under the clear blue skies of paradise.

The sentimental value islanders have placed in what we call "home" isn't necessarily understood in other cultures. Nonetheless, it's ingrained in our cultural tradition for it has edified our way of life and foundation since time immemorial.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protecting sharks

To my friends in Saipan, Guam, and the United States of America: I am disappointed that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has proposed language in rules implementing the Shark Conservation Act that would overturn hard fought shark protection measures in the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and other states and territories.

The story of the passage of the law in the Northern Mariana Islands is a highlight of my new film *Revolution*, so believe me when I say that your stories have inspired the world because I have seen it firsthand. You may be disappointed in this dark hour, but I hope I can offer some encouragement.

Your stories inspire because there was no guarantee you would win. Saipan was only the second place in the world to ban shark fins. Guam was only the third. And you worked hard for those wins. You wrote letters. You signed petitions. You met with lawmakers and begged your governors for their support. And it worked. The world is beginning to follow your lead.

And now you have to work again to protect your sharks. Now is not the time to backtrack on progress. It won't be easy and there is no guarantee you will win, but I expect you to give it your all.

The federal government is accepting comments on their proposed rule until July 9. Go write some letters. Sign a petition. Contact your leaders. Many of you are voters now. Make your voice heard.

The last time you rose up to protect sharks you overcame the opposition of those who think sharks only have value in a bowl of soup. I believe you can do it again.

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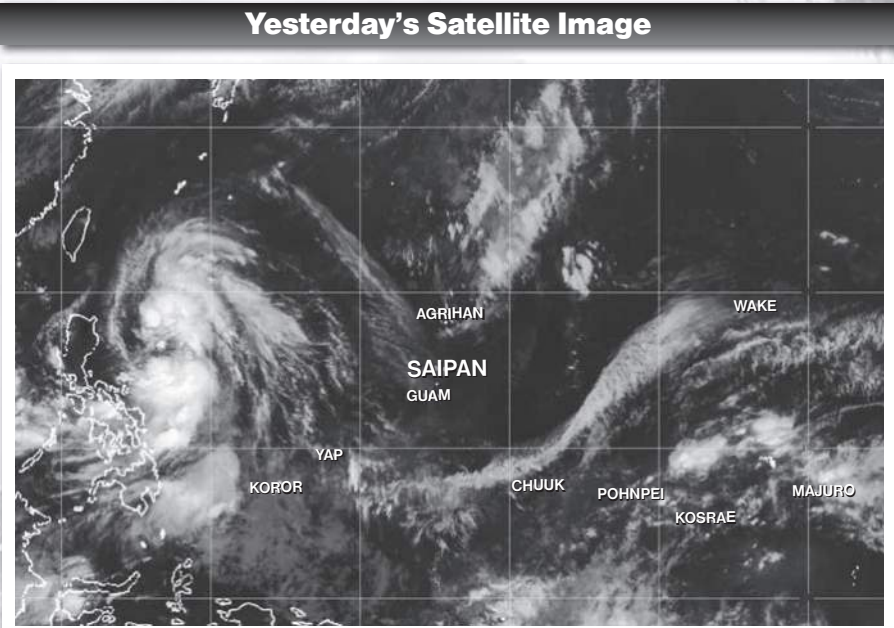
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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.
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Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼82
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲90 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲85 ▼79
Kosrae	Showers	▲85 ▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼80

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Showers	▲54 ▼48
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲91 ▼70
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲89 ▼81
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼72
London	Rain	▲68 ▼55
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲79 ▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼80
Melbourne	Sunny	▲57 ▼38
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲89 ▼78
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲74 ▼58
Osaka	Showers	▲74 ▼66
Paris	Showers	▲70 ▼57
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲78 ▼68
Rome	Sunny	▲85 ▼67
Salem	Showers	▲63 ▼53
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼68
Tokyo	Showers	▲73 ▼67
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲79 ▼64

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
3:57 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
11:11 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
5:41 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
10:44 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical storm Leepi is more than 800 miles north northwest of Palau near 16N126E and is moving to the north. An area of thunderstorms is found about 235 miles to the west of Palau with tops near 54000 feet. An upper level low is found near 28.5N 146.7E about 1000 miles north of Guam. The associated upper level trough axis extends from this upper level low to 19.1N 145.5E. Thunderstorms with tops to 46000 feet are found on the east side of the upper trough axis. Additional thunderstorms are found near 21N 155E with tops near 43000 feet. Another mid to upper level low is near 19.1N 156.1E about 850 miles northeast of Guam with an associated trough axis extending to 11.8N 152.9E. High clouds are seen streaming to the northeast on the east side of this trough axis. Towering cumulus and isolated thunderstorms are found along a line from 6N173E to 12N165E. This southeast to northwest oriented line is just east of Kwajalein and starting to move over Majuro. Additional towering cumulus and isolated thunderstorms are found along a line from 8.5N161E to 10.4N 164.4E about 225 miles north of Kosrae and about 200 miles east of Pohnpei. Thunderstorms previously located between Chuuk and Yap have dissipated over the last few hours.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:47 AM	6:49 PM	Today	2:26 PM	1:32 AM
Thursday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM	Thursday	3:25 PM	2:20 AM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM	Friday	4:28 PM	3:13 AM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM	Saturday	5:31 PM	4:11 AM
Sunday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM	Sunday	6:35 PM	5:14 AM

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DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)					GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN				
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7		UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7	
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5		UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily	
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily		UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7		UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7	
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily		UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily	
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily		UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily	
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily						
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)					NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily		DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily	
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily		DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)					BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7		OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7	
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)					SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1		OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily	
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7	
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily		OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)					SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN				
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7		3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7	
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)					BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN				
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5		MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7	
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)					GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN				
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6		3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5	
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)					KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN				
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7		SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7	
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)					VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN				
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16		XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)					MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN				
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN		PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT	
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM		UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM	
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM		UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM	
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT		OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN	
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM		UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM		OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN	
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM	
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN						
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)					HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN				
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN		OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN	
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN	
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN		UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM	
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Rota-Guam				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
				FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Business

Chrysler expected to formally refuse Jeep recall

DETROIT (AP)—In one of the biggest-ever showdowns between an automaker and the government, Chrysler on Tuesday is expected to file papers explaining its refusal to recall 2.7 million older Jeep SUVs that are at risk of catching fire in rear-end collisions.

The government says 51 people have suffered fiery deaths in Jeep Grand Cherokees and Libertys with gas tanks mounted behind the rear axles. But Chrysler is expected to stick to its contention that the SUVs are as safe as similar vehicles on the road. The Jeeps, it says, met all federal safety standards when they were built, some more than two decades ago.

Car companies rarely spar publicly with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the agency that monitors auto safety. The last time an automaker denied a NHTSA recall request was early in 2011, when Ford said calling back 1.2 million pickup trucks for defec-



This March 6, 2012 photo provided by the law offices of Butler, Wooten & Fryhofer, LLP shows the scene of a crash in Bainbridge, Ga., where a 4-year-old boy named Remi Walden was burned and died when a Jeep Grand Cherokee was struck from the rear by a Dodge Dakota pickup truck.

AP

are among the safest vehicles of their era. It accused NHTSA of holding the company to a new standard for fuel tank strength.

Chrysler moved gas tanks on the Grand Cherokee in front of the rear axle in 2005, and did the same thing with the Liberty in 2007.

Strengthening the structure around the gas tanks of the older Jeeps, likely the lowest-cost option, would be costly. Relocating them ahead of the axle would cost even more.

Ditlow says the problem could be solved for \$100 per vehicle by bolting a metal gas tank shield to the frame, adding a fuel tank check valve to stop leaks and making the tank's hose longer so it won't be pulled from the tank in a crash.

Even that solution would cost Chrysler \$270 million, about one-sixth of the company's profit last year.

While both sides appear stuck in their positions, David Kelly, former acting NHTSA administrator under President George W. Bush, says he expects the matter to be settled before a public hearing takes place.

"I think cooler heads will eventually prevail," says Kelly, adding that neither side wants the matter aired in public. "Chrysler doesn't want to have a hearing with a bunch of people who have been in crashes and have lost family members," he says.

But Kelly expects a lot of posturing before any settlement is reached.

Food companies work to make it look natural

NEW YORK (AP)—Here's the latest goal for food makers: Perfect the art of imperfection.

When stretching out the dough for its premium "Artisan Pizzas," Domino's workers are instructed not to worry about making the rectangles too perfect: The pies are supposed to have a more rustic look.

At McDonald's, the egg whites for the new breakfast sandwich called the Egg White Delight McMuffin have a loose shape rather than the round discs used in the original Egg McMuffin.

And Kraft Foods took more than two years to develop a process to make the thick, uneven slabs of turkey in its Carving Board line look like leftovers from a home-made meal rather than the

cookie-cutter ovals typical of most lunchmeat.

"The goal is to get the same action as if you were cutting with a knife," said Paul Morin, a Kraft engineer.

Food companies are responding to the adage that people eat with their eyes. Americans still love their fast food and packaged snacks, but they're increasingly turning their noses up at foods that look overly processed. Home-cooked meals—or ones that at least look like they were homemade—are seen as more wholesome and authentic.

The result is that companies are tossing out the identical shapes and drab colors that scream of factory conveyor belts. There's no way to measure exactly how much food makers are investing to make

their products look more natural or fresh. But adaptation is seen as necessary for fueling steady growth.

Over the past five years, the overall packaged food industry in North America grew 14 percent to \$392.5 billion, according to market researcher Euromonitor International. The fast-food industry meanwhile rose 13 percent to \$225.6 billion.

In many cases, food products get their wholesome appearance because of the different or stripped-down ingredients companies are using to make them more natural, said Michael Cohen, a visiting assistant professor of marketing at NYU's Stern School of Business. But in other cases, companies are making tweaks just to achieve a desired look.

tive air bags wasn't justified. Ford later agreed to the recall after NHTSA threatened to hold a rare public hearing on the issue.

NTSHA could employ the same tactic in the Jeep case. The Jeep dispute ultimately could be decided in federal court.

NHTSA began investigating the SUVs three years ago at the behest of Clarence Ditlow, director of the Center for Auto Safety, an advocacy group.

Earlier this month, NHTSA sent a letter to Chrysler asking it to voluntarily recall Grand

Cherokees from 1993 through 2004 and Libertys from 2002 through 2007. The plastic gas tanks, the government said, can rupture when hit from behind, spilling fuel and causing deadly fires.

Chrysler responded publicly, saying in a statement that it "does not intend to recall the vehicles." The car company must file its formal response to the request on Tuesday.

Chrysler Group LLC, which is majority-owned by Italy's Fiat SpA, said that the Jeeps

World looks to Bernanke to clarify stimulus plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—Is the era of ultra-low interest rates nearing an end?

When he takes questions this week after a Federal Reserve meeting, Chairman Ben Bernanke will confront investors' fears that rates are headed higher.

Financial markets have been gyrating in the 3 1/2 weeks since Bernanke told Congress the Fed might scale back its effort to keep long-term rates at record lows within "the next few meetings"—earlier than many had assumed.

Bernanke cautioned that the Fed would slow its support only if it felt confident the job market would show sustained improvement. And earlier in the day, he said the Fed must take care not to prematurely reduce its stimulus for the still-subpar economy.

Yet investors were left puzzled and spooked by a mixed message. Fear spread that the Fed would soon slow its \$85 billion-a-month in bond purchases. Those purchases have been intended to hold down long-term

borrowing rates to spur spending. Low rates are credited with helping fuel a housing rebound, sustain economic growth, drive stock prices to record highs and restore the wealth America had lost to the Great Recession.

Many fear that a pullback in the Fed's bond purchases could boost long-term rates, trigger a stock selloff and perhaps weaken the economy.

On Wednesday, when the Fed ends a two-day policy meeting with a Bernanke news confer-

ence, the financial world will be looking to the chairman to settle the confusion. What, Bernanke will likely be asked, would show sustained improvement in the job market? And when will the Fed most likely slow the pace of its bond purchases?

Some analysts think Bernanke will signal to investors that the Fed has no immediate plans to curtail its stimulus.

"The Fed has worked very hard to get stock prices and home prices rising to help the

economy, and I don't think they want to back away from that in any way," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "I think Bernanke will deliver a strong message that the Fed is not going to taper until the job market is improving in a consistent way."

Last month, the U.S. economy added a solid 175,000 jobs. But the unemployment rate was 7.6 percent. Economists tend to regard the job market as healthy when unemployment is between 5 percent and 6 percent.

Since Bernanke's vague public comments May 22, the Dow Jones industrial average has fluctuated sharply and shed about 3 percent of its value. But the bigger shock has been in the bond market. The rate on the benchmark 10-year Treasury has jumped from a low of 1.63 percent in early May to 2.13 percent.

By historical measures, the rate on the 10-year Treasury is still extraordinarily low. It would have to rise dramatically, for example, to return to where it was during the 2000s, when it ranged mainly between 4 percent and 6 percent.

Greek coalition avoids collapse over TV shutdown

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—The Greek government has avoided collapsing over a dispute stemming from Prime Minister Antonis Samaras' move to close the state-owned television broadcaster after a high court ruling offered a way out of a week-long impasse that drew international criticism.

Greece is implementing tough spending cuts, tax hikes and administrative reforms demanded by international creditors who are providing the country with vital rescue loans. But Samaras' conservative ruling party found itself at odds with its governing coalition partners over the decision to close the Hellenic Broadcasting Corp., or ERT.

After more than three hours of talks late Monday, Samaras' center-left minority coalition partners said talks would resume Wednesday on exactly how to keep state broadcasts going until ERT is replaced by a new public entity.

Earlier Monday, the Council of State issued a provisional ruling that the government decree shutting off ERT's signal last week was illegal and ordered its immediate unblocking. But it also said Samaras' administration was within its rights to close the company and axe nearly 2,700 jobs.

Samaras' conservatives had offered to restart programming with a reduced, new staff, while

other governing coalition parties had insisted broadcasts should resume immediately. So all three were able to claim a degree of victory.

"The decision effectively agrees with what we said," said Fotis Kouvelis, head of the small Democratic Left junior coalition partner. "That nobody had the right to close the national broadcaster, leaving blank screens in its place."

"We insist that ERT must be operating within a short while, with all its frequencies," until it can be restructured, he told journalists after the talks with Samaras and Evangelos Venizelos, head of the small Socialist PASOK party.



Bernanke

Nation

Court: Arizona citizenship proof law is illegal

WASHINGTON (AP)—States can't demand proof of citizenship from people registering to vote in federal elections unless they get federal or court approval to do so, the Supreme Court ruled Monday in a decision complicating efforts in Arizona and other states to bar voting by people who are in the country illegally.

The justices' 7-2 ruling closes the door on states independently changing the requirements for those using the voter-registration form produced under the federal "motor voter" registration law. They would need permission from a federally created panel, the Election Assistance Commission, or a federal court ruling overturning the commission's decision, to make tougher requirements stick.

Justice Antonin Scalia, who wrote the court's majority opinion, said federal law "precludes Arizona from requiring a federal form applicant to submit information beyond that required by the form itself."

Voting rights advocates welcomed the ruling.

"Today's decision sends a



Law students visiting from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., arrive at the Supreme Court in Washington, Monday, June 17, 2013, in anticipation of key decisions being announced.

AP

expects the state will ask the Election Assistance Commission to approve the citizenship proof on the federal form and to fight any denial in court - the process laid out in Monday's ruling.

"The U.S. Supreme Court has given us a clear path to victory for the people of Arizona, who overwhelmingly approved the state constitutional amendment that was the subject of the legal challenge," Horne said. "Since the U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear that this pathway exists, Arizona should use it. The sanctity of the ballot box is a cherished right for all Americans and it must be protected."

Federal officials deadlocked on Arizona's request in 2005, and the state did not appeal.

In other actions Monday, the court:

- Ruled that agreements between the makers of name-brand and generic drugs to delay the generics' availability can be illegal and challenged in court.

- Ruled that prosecutors in some instances may use a suspect's silence at an early stage of a criminal investigation against him or her, before the suspect has been arrested or informed of constitutional rights.

- Agreed to decide in its next term a new dispute involving race; specifically, whether federal housing law requires proof of intentional discrimination.

The Arizona case is the first of two major voting decisions to be made by the court this month. Justices have yet to say whether a section of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, a law that has helped millions of minorities exercise their right to vote, especially in areas of the Deep South, was still needed, despite several justices voicing deep skepticism during arguments in February.

Obama: NSA secret data gathering 'transparent'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama defended top secret National Security Agency spying programs as legal in a lengthy interview Monday, and called them transparent—even though they are authorized in secret.

"It is transparent," Obama told PBS' Charlie Rose in an interview broadcast Monday. "That's why we set up the FISA court," he added, referring to the secret court set up by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that authorizes two recently disclosed programs: one that gathers U.S. phone records and another that is designed to track the use of U.S.-based Internet servers by foreigners with possible links to terrorism.

He added that he's named

representatives to a privacy and civil liberties oversight board to help in the debate over just how far government data gathering should be allowed to go—a discussion that is complicated by the secrecy surrounding the FISA court, with hearings held at undisclosed locations and with only government lawyers present. The orders that result are all highly classified.

"We're going to have to find ways where the public has an assurance that there are checks and balances in place ... that their phone calls aren't being listened into; their text messages aren't being monitored; their emails are not being read by some big brother somewhere," Obama said.

A senior administration official said the president had asked Director of National Intelligence James Clapper to determine what more information about the two programs could be made public, to help better explain them. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly.

Obama is in Northern Ireland for a meeting of leaders of allied countries. As Obama arrived, the latest series of Guardian articles drawing on the leaks claims that British eavesdropping agency GCHQ repeatedly hacked into foreign diplomats' phones and emails with U.S. help, in an effort to get an edge in such high-stakes negotiations.

strong message that states cannot block their citizens from registering to vote by superimposing burdensome paperwork requirements on top of federal law," said Nina Perales, vice president of litigation for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "The Supreme Court has affirmed that all U.S. citizens have the right to register to vote using the national postcard, regardless of the state in which they live."

Under Proposition 200 approved in 2004, Arizona officials required an Arizona driver's license issued after 1996, a U.S. birth certificate, a passport or other similar document before the state would approve the

federal registration application. It can no longer do that on its own authority.

Less than 5 percent of people registering to vote in Arizona use the federal form, said Matt Roberts, a spokesman for Arizona Secretary of State Ken Bennett. The rest register through the state, meaning they will continue to be asked to provide proof of citizenship when signing up to vote.

But because of the court ruling, people can merely choose the less onerous federal form, which asks people to swear if they are citizens or not, but does not demand proof.

Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne, who argued the case before the Supreme Court,

NASA picks 8 new astronauts, 4 of them women

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—NASA has eight new astronauts—its first new batch in four years.

Among the lucky candidates: the first female fighter pilot to become an astronaut in nearly two decades. A female helicopter pilot also is in the group. In fact, four of the eight are women, the highest percentage of female astronaut candidates ever selected by NASA.

Monday's announcement came on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the launch of the first American woman in space, Sally Ride. She died last summer.

The eight—all in their 30s—were chosen from more than 6,000 applications received early last year, the second largest number ever received. They

will report for duty in August at Johnson Space Center in Houston and join 49 astronauts currently at NASA. The number has dwindled ever since the space shuttles stopped flying in 2011. Many astronauts quit rather than get in a lengthy line for relatively few slots for long-term missions aboard the International Space Station.

NASA Administrator Charles Bolden said these new candidates will help lead the first human mission to an asteroid in the 2020s, and then Mars, sometime in the following decade. They also may be among the first to fly to the space station aboard commercial spacecraft launched from the U.S., he noted. Russia ferries the astronauts now.

"These new space explorers

asked to join NASA because they know we're doing big, bold things here—developing missions to go farther into space than ever before," Bolden said in a statement.

The Class of 2013's Nicole Aunapu Mann, a major in the Marines, is an F/A-18 pilot serving at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Patuxent River, Md. Army Maj. Anne McClain is a helicopter pilot. The two other women, Christina Hammock and Jessica Meir, are scientists.

All four men have military backgrounds, including one who is a former emergency room physician, Dr. Andrew Morgan. The others are Josh Cassada, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Victor Glover and Air Force Lt. Col. Tyler (Nick) Hague.

Still no Hoffa after 1st day of latest search

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—Federal agents revived the hunt for the remains of Jimmy Hoffa on Monday, digging around in a suburban Detroit field where a reputed Mafia captain says the Teamsters boss' body was buried.

Authorities used excavation equipment to root around in the Oakland Township property, about 25 miles north of Detroit. The FBI halted the search for the day at about 7 p.m., and planned to resume their efforts on Tuesday.

Robert Foley, the special agent in charge of the FBI's De-

troit division, made a few brief comments during a news conference about the latest search for union leader who went missing in 1975. He said the warrant to search the property was sealed, and that authorities wouldn't be disclosing the details of what they were seeking.

Foley didn't mention the name of Tony Zerilli, the reputed Mafia captain who told Detroit TV station WDIV in February that he knew where Hoffa was buried. Zerilli, who promoting a book, "Hoffa Found," said the FBI had enough information for a search warrant to

dig at the site, and that he had answered every question from agents and prosecutors.

Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, who joined Foley at a news conference, said it was his "fondest hope" to bring closure for Hoffa's family and the community.

Hoffa, Teamsters president from 1957-71, was an acquaintance of mobsters and an adversary of federal officials. The day in 1975 when he disappeared from a Detroit-area restaurant, he was supposed to be meeting with a New Jersey Teamsters boss and a Detroit Mafia captain.

Asia

Airborne laser reveals city under Cambodian earth

SYDNEY (AP)—Airborne laser technology has uncovered a network of roadways and canals, illustrating a bustling ancient city linking Cambodia's famed Angkor Wat temples complex.

The discovery was announced

late Monday in a peer-reviewed paper released early by the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The laser scanning revealed a previously undocumented formal urban planned landscape integrating the 1,200-year-old temples.

Singaporeans fume after pollution hits 16-year high

SINGAPORE (AP)—Singaporeans rolled back military training, kept cough-stricken children indoors and considered wearing protective masks to work Tuesday after a smoky haze triggered by forest fires in neighboring Indonesia caused air pollution to briefly hit its worst level in nearly 16 years.

The Pollutant Standards Index, Singapore's main measure to determine air quality, crept into the "unhealthy" classification Monday as smoke from roaring blazes on Indonesia's Sumatra island drifted across the sea and cast a gray pall over the city-state's skyscrapers.

The index reached a reading of 155 Monday night, the highest level since late 1997, when officials reported a 226 reading.

On Tuesday, the reading mostly hovered between 104 and 123, still within the "unhealthy" range of between 101 and 200.

Smoke haze is a nearly annual problem for Singapore and its northern neighbor Malaysia, often beginning in the middle of the year when farmers in Indonesia seek to clear land cheaply by starting fires. The issue sometimes strains ties between the countries, with Malaysia and Singapore urging Indonesia

to do more to prevent illegal burning.

Malaysia has been only lightly affected so far this year, with pollution readings in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's largest city, not breaching the unhealthy mark Tuesday. Indonesia has reportedly said part of the current problem is caused by peat blazes that firefighters are struggling to put out amid hot, dry weather.

In Singapore, defense ministry spokesman Col. Kenneth Liow said the armed forces have "reduced physical and outdoor training accordingly" after the pollution index exceeded 100.

Landscaper Hedrick Kwan blamed the haze after his two young sons started coughing as an acrid smell of burning filled the air.

"When they woke up today, it was worse," he said. "We usually leave the windows open but now we can't do that because of all the dust and smoke."

The National Environment Agency has advised Singaporeans, especially the elderly, young children and people with respiratory problems, to avoid prolonged exposure outdoors.

Melissa Cheah, a financial sector worker, said her office has discussed the possibility of advising employees to wear protective face masks.



In this photo taken on June 28, 2012, Cambodia's famed Angkor Wat temples complex stands in Siem Reap province, some 230 kilometers (143 miles) northwest Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The airborne lasers produced a detailed map of a vast cityscape, including highways and previously undiscovered temples, hidden beneath dense vegetation atop Phnom Kulen mountain in Siem Reap province. It was the lost city of Mahendraparvata.

"What we have now with this instrument is just 'bang'—all of a sudden, an immediate picture of an entire city that people didn't know was there before, which is remarkable," University of Sydney archaeologist Damian Evans, the study's lead author, told Australia's The Age in a video interview from Cambodia. "So instead of this kind of very long gradual process, you have this kind of sudden eureka

moment where you bring the data up on screen the first time and there it is—this ancient city very clearly in front of you."

The laser technology, known as lidar, works by firing laser pulses from an aircraft to the ground and measuring the distance to create a detailed, three-dimensional map of the area. It's a useful tool for archaeologists because the lasers can penetrate dense vegetation and cover

swaths of ground far faster than they could be analyzed on foot. Lidar has been used to explore other archaeological sites, such as Stonehenge.

In April 2012, the Australian researchers loaded the equipment onto a helicopter, which spent days crisscrossing the dense forests from 800 meters above the ground. The team then confirmed the findings with an on-foot expedition

through the jungle.

"We had reasonable expectations, I guess, of what we would find using the lidar data, but what we've ended up with has just blown our minds," Evans told The Age. "It's just absolutely incredible what we can see."

The researchers theorize the civilization at Mahendraparvata eventually collapsed because of deforestation and broken canals and reservoirs.

Uncertainty over US stimulus drags shares lower

TOKYO (AP)—Jitters over a possible change in U.S. stimulus efforts by the Federal Reserve helped pull share prices mostly lower in early Asian trading Tuesday.

Asia's biggest benchmark, Japan's Nikkei stock average, shed early gains to fall 0.6 percent by mid-morning in choppy trading, to 12,956.78. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 0.7 percent to 21,075.01, while South Korea's KOSPI index rose 0.1 percent to 1,885.77.

Japanese shares have tended to gain as the yen falls, on expectations a weaker currency will help heavyweight exporters like Toyota Motor Corp. and Sony. Early Tuesday, the dollar was at 94.80 yen, compared with 94.99 yen late Monday in New York. The euro was steady at 1.336.

Shares had climbed on growing expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve will maintain its current policy stance when policymakers meet this week. But that optimism appears to be wavering.

"There is still some selling pressure but overall the markets are sidelined. Investors are quite cautious about the Federal Reserve meeting," said Linus Yip, a strategist at First Shanghai Securities in Hong Kong. "The market will wait."

Markets have gyrated in recent weeks on worries the Fed might choose to start cutting back on the volume of its financial asset purchases, which are intended to encourage spending and investment by helping to keep interest rates low.

Investors were spooked when Fed chairman Ben Bernanke suggested the U.S. central bank might ease its aggressive support for the U.S. economy if indicators, especially hiring, improve.

Markets across Asia were hit by sharp drops in share prices as investors pulled back from emerging markets.

Shares were mostly lower early Tuesday, also losing ground in mainland China and Australia. Shares rose in Singapore, Taiwan, Indonesia and

New Zealand.

A meeting of leaders from the Group of Eight top industrial countries in Northern Ireland appeared to be having little impact on the markets given the gathering's main focus on diplomatic issues such as Syria and North Korea.

In Europe overnight, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares ended Monday up 0.35 percent at 6,330 while Germany's DAX rose 1.1 percent to 8,215. The CAC-40 in France was 1.5 percent higher at 3,863.

In the U.S., the Dow Jones industrial average gained 0.7 percent to 15,179.85 while the broader S&P 500 index rose 0.8 percent to 1,639.04.

Oil prices rose ahead of the Fed's meeting, with the benchmark New York rate up 3 cents at \$97.80. The contract fell 8 cents to finish at \$97.77 a barrel on the Nymex on Monday.

In currencies, the euro rose to \$1.3355 from \$1.3340 late Monday in New York. The dollar fell to 94.77 yen from 94.86 yen.

Afghanistan blast kills 3 amid security transition

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A large bomb exploded in the Afghan capital on Tuesday, killing at least three people on the day the international military coalition hands over responsibility for fighting the Taliban insurgency to the nascent national army and police they have been training.

Kabul deputy police chief Mohammad Daoud Amin said the blast was in the Pul-e-Surkh area of the western part of the city, which is miles (kilometers) away from the site of the handover ceremony attended by NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen and Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

A police officer named Asadullah said the target was the convoy of Mohammed Mohaq-

iq, a prominent ethnic Hazara lawmaker who is a former Cabinet member. Asadullah, who like many Afghans uses just one name, said he saw two dead bodies lying in the street and a police vehicle was destroyed in the blast.

Mohaqiq survived the blast, according to Nahim Lalai Hamidzai, another member of the Afghan parliament.

Gen. Mohammad Zahir, chief of the Kabul Criminal Investigation Division, said three people were killed by the bombing and another 30 were wounded—including six bodyguards.

"The roadside bomb targeted the Mohaqiq convoy, but he safely passed. One of his vehicles was damaged," Zahir said.

The leader of the People's

Islamic Unity Party of Afghanistan, Mohaqiq is a member of the National Front, which represents members of the former Northern Alliance that fought the Taliban before the U.S. invasion in 2001. The predominantly ethnic Pashtun Taliban persecuted the Hazara minority during their five-year rule that imposed a radical interpretation of Islamic law.

The Taliban insurgency has been pressing an intense campaign of violence in the run-up to Tuesday's security handover. The transition is a major milestone of the 12-year-old war, with the coalition insisting Afghan security forces it has been training for years are now strong enough to take the lead in the fight against the Taliban.

World

G8 exposes rift among leaders on Syria

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ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (AP)—Deep differences over Syria's fierce civil war clouded a summit of world leaders Monday, with Russian President Vladimir Putin defiantly rejecting calls from the U.S., Britain and France to halt his political and military support for Syrian leader Bashar Assad's regime.

But there were also fissures among the three Western nations, despite their shared belief that Assad must leave power. Britain and France appear unwilling - at least for now - to join President Barack Obama in arming the Syrian rebels, a step the U.S. president reluctantly finalized last week.

The debate over the Syria conflict loomed large as the two-day summit of the Group of 8 industrial nations opened Monday at a lakeside resort in Northern Ireland. The lack of consensus even among allies underscored the vexing nature of the two-year conflict in Syria, where at least 93,000 people have been killed as rebels struggle to overtake Assad forces buttressed by support from Hezbollah, Iran and Russia.

Obama and Putin, who already have a frosty relationship, did little to hide their differing views on the matter while speaking to reporters following one-on-one talks on the sidelines



President Barack Obama meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, Monday, June 17, 2013.

of the summit Monday evening. The two-hour meeting marked the first time the leaders have met in person since last year.

"We do have different perspectives on the problem," Obama said of their divergent views on Syria.

The Russian leader, speaking through a translator, agreed, saying, "our opinions do not coincide."

But despite their seemingly intractable differences, Obama and Putin did express a shared desire to stop the violence in Syria and convene a political conference

in Geneva, Switzerland. U.S. officials said they were still aiming to hold the summit next month, though that prospect was looking increasingly unlikely given the deepening violence.

It's also unclear who would participate in such a meeting or whether the rebels, given their weakened position, would have any leverage if they did.

U.S. officials say Obama's decision to send the rebels weapons and ammunition for the first time was an attempt to increase their military strength in order to bolster their politi-

cal bargaining power. But the American inventory for the rebels is not yet expected to include the high-powered weaponry sought by the opposition, raising questions about whether the deepening U.S. involvement will be effective in changing the situation on the ground.

The White House also announced Monday an additional \$300 million in humanitarian aid for Syria and neighboring countries absorbing refugees escaping the violence. The new money brings the total U.S. humanitarian assistance to \$800 million, ac-

cording to the White House.

Obama's decision to arm the rebels coincided with the White House's announcement last week that it had definitive evidence of multiple instances of chemical weapons use by Assad's regime against the opposition. Britain and France have also accused Assad of us-

ing the deadly agent sarin, while Russia has publicly questioned the credibility of chemical weapons evidence.

"It's necessary to refrain from unproven claims by either party," Putin adviser Alexei Kvasov told reporters at the summit Monday. "We have no evidence proving it."

Rowhani's 'path of moderation' also shows limits

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's newly elected president showcased his reform-leaning image Monday by promising a "path of moderation" that includes greater openness on Tehran's nuclear program and overtures to Washington. He also made clear where he draws the line: No halt to uranium enrichment and no direct U.S. dialogue without a pledge to stay out of Iranian affairs.

Hasan Rowhani's first post-victory news conference was a study in what may make his presidency tick.

Rowhani may be hailed as a force for change, but he also appears to carry a deep and self-protective streak of pragmatism. He knows he can only push his views on outreach and detente as far as allowed by the country's real powers, the ruling clerics and their military protectors, the Revolutionary Guard.

Many of Rowhani's statements reflected these boundaries, which could later expand or contract depending on how much the theocracy wants to endorse his agenda.

When he appealed to treat "old wounds" with the U.S., he also echoed the ruling clerics' position that no breakthroughs can occur as long as Washington is seen as trying to undermine their hold on power. Rowhani's urging for greater "nuclear transparency" as a path to roll back sanctions was also punctuated by a hard-liner stance: No chance to stop the uranium enrichment labs at the heart of the stalemate with the West and its allies.

Rowhani spoke eloquently about a "new era" on the international stage but avoided direct mention of the sweeping crackdowns at home since the disputed re-election of Presi-



President-elect of Iran

Hassan Rowhani

Early life

Born 1948 into a family that opposed the former Shah of Iran

Education Bachelor's degree, University of Tehran; PhD in Law, Glasgow Caledonian University; fluent in English, German, French, Russian and Arabic

Family Married, four children

Political career

1977 Forced to flee Iran after criticizing the Shah

1979 After overthrow of the Shah, returns to Iran to help stabilize the Islamic Republic; served on Iran's parliament for five consecutive terms

1989-2005 Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council

1989-1997, 2000-2005 National security advisor to President Akbar Hashemi Hashemi and later President Mohammad Khatami

2003 Iran's chief nuclear negotiator

2013 Ran for president of Iran; called for improved foreign relations and supported a greater freedom of expression; wants to steer the country towards moderation

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dent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in 2009.

At the end of the news conference, a spectator—whose identity was not immediately known—yelled out for the release of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, who has been under house arrest for more than two years. Rowhani smiled but made no comment.

Unions give lift to Turkish protest movement

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkish labor groups fanned a wave of defiance against Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's authority, leading rallies and a one-day strike to support activists whose two-week standoff with the government has shaken the country's secular democracy.

Riot police again deployed in Turkey's two main cities, and authorities kept up their unyielding stance against the street demonstrations centering on Istanbul's Taksim Square. But Monday's police sweep was less forceful than in recent days, with only scattered firing of tear gas and water cannon on pockets of protesters.

After activists were ousted from their sit-in in adjacent

Gezi Park over the weekend, two labor confederations that represent some 330,000 workers picked up the slack Monday by calling a strike and demonstrations nationwide. Unionists turned up by the thousands in Ankara, Istanbul, coastal Izmir and elsewhere.

The turnout defied Turkey's interior minister, Muammer Guler, who warned that anyone taking part in unlawful demonstrations would "bear the legal consequences." But one analyst called the rallies a "legitimate and a lawful expression of constitutional rights."

"People are raising their voices against the excessive use of police force," said Koray Caliskan, a political sci-

ence professor at Istanbul's Bosphorus University. Demonstrators, he said, were showing they were no longer cowed by authorities, and "the fear threshold has been broken."

In a sign that authorities were increasingly impatient, Deputy Prime Minister Bulent Arinc floated the prospect that authorities could call in troops to quash the protests.

Erdogan's opponents have grown increasingly suspicious about what they call a gradual erosion of freedoms and secular values under his Islamic-rooted ruling party. It has passed new curbs on alcohol and tried, but later abandoned its plans, to limit women's access to abortion.

The government set off protests nationwide and drew criticism abroad over a police crackdown that began May 31 against environmentalists and other activists in Taksim Square who were protesting against plans to tear down trees and redevelop Gezi Park. Thousands have flooded the streets nightly since then, many honking car horns and waving Turkish flags.

Erdogan, who has held power for 10 years and was re-elected in 2011, mobilized his supporters over the weekend in two huge rallies—insisting his duty was to keep order, railing against media coverage of the protests and lashing out at unspecified foreigners whom he said want to hurt Turkey.

WORLD BRIEFS

Seeking a Syria consensus despite US-Russia divide

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland (AP)—The leaders of major economic powers are declaring themselves dedicated to a political solution to Syria's bloody civil war, even as President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin stake

out diametrically opposite stands on which side deserves military support. Ahead of a Group of Eight joint statement on Syria to be issued Tuesday, the U.S. remained committed to Obama's recent decision to arm the rebels and Russia did not budge from its weapons sales to President Bashar Assad's regime. Yet even as Obama found common ground

among European allies against Putin at a G-8 summit in Northern Ireland, Obama also struggled to convince some of those same allies to join him in sending armaments to the Syrian opposition.

9/11 accused in Guantanamo court but trial distant
GUANTANAMO BAY NA-

VAL BASE, Cuba (AP)—Five Guantanamo Bay prisoners accused of helping orchestrate the Sept. 11 terror attack returned to court Monday as arguments resumed over preparations for a trial that remains distant. It was the first time the five prisoners had been in court since February and they sat calmly through a morning's worth of dense

legalistic testimony, with none of the outbursts that characterized previous sessions. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-proclaimed terrorist mastermind and lead defendant, wore a camouflage jacket and white turban, his bushy gray beard dyed reddish-orange. In the audience, behind panels of glass that allow the government to cut off sound

in case classified information is inadvertently uttered, were two retired New York firefighters injured while responding to the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center, as well as relatives of other victims. The spectators were chosen by lottery to view the proceedings at the U.S. base in Cuba. Several said they were eager to see it move along.

Focus

TEKANI, Bangladesh (AP)—Moushumi's family now has one of the largest homes in their village - two bedrooms plus a living area with walls made of sturdy brick. Her father and brother will soon have a small business out front, selling furniture her dad will make. There will be money to pay for her younger sister to get married when it's time.

It is the dream of nearly every Bangladeshi garment worker to earn enough money to build such a life back in their village. Yet for most it remains just that: Wages are so low they can find themselves struggling to eat, let alone save.

And in the case of Moushumi's family, the dream has been bitterly corrupted, made possible not by the opportunity the garment industry provided, but by the tragedy it inflicted.

Moushumi, who like many people in Bangladesh used only one name, was just 18 when she was killed along with 111 others trapped behind the locked gates of the Tazreen garment factory when it burned last November. Her family renovated their home using the 600,000 takas (\$7,700) they received in compensation.

A fortune in a poor village like Tekani in Bangladesh's far northwest, it is one the family would gladly return tomorrow to have Moushumi back.

"Previously we didn't have money but we had peace in our mind. We had a complete family," said her mother, Hawa Begum. "The peace is no longer there."

Since the fire and April's collapse of the Rana Plaza factory building, which killed 1,129 people, Bangladesh's garment industry has been under increased pressure from workers and activists to raise wages and improve working conditions.

The government agreed last month to set up a committee to look into raising the minimum wage of \$38 a month. Rather than talking of luxuries like buying land, those advocating for higher salaries speak of getting enough calories. They say the current rate isn't close to what workers need to pay their bills and eat properly.

"It's not enough for their half a month's costs even," said Kalpona Akter, a former garment worker and the executive director of the Bangladesh Center for Workers Solidarity in Dhaka. Most in the industry are "living just hand-to-mouth," she said.

Rubel, 20, left the Tekani area more than two years ago, drawn by the prospect of steady garment work and the ability to save. Even after a raise, he couldn't get by on his salary. Adding to his woes, he was often paid late and was sometimes cheated out of overtime. He found himself buying food on credit.

"I couldn't keep my word with the shopkeepers and they would get angry with me," he said. "It would make me sad to not be able to keep my word."

He gave up after six months



In this photo taken Tuesday, May 21, 2013 photo, husband and wife Mohammad Razu and Hawa Begum sit with their children Nahid and Asamul outside the family home in Tekani village in far northwestern Bangladesh. They were able to renovate their home using the compensation money they received after their 18-year-old daughter Moushumi was killed along with 111 others trapped behind the locked gates of the Tazreen garment factory when it burned last November. "Previously we didn't have money but we had peace in our mind. We had a complete family. The peace is no longer there," Hawa said.

Dreams turn bitter for Bangladeshi garment workers

and returned home.

"When I went there I thought of saving money, coming back, building a home and taking care of my family," he said. "But it didn't happen."

Three years ago, 22-year-old Mosammat Angura Begum and her husband left Tekani for garment work in a Dhaka suburb more than 300 kilometers away.

Their combined salary of about 10,000 takas (\$128) goes quickly, for rent, utilities, food and household goods. On a good month they can save 2,500 takas (\$32), sending some back to Tekani to help care for their daughter and saving the rest. Still, they don't know how long they can endure.

"Age is an issue. Now I get through the day by skipping one meal, no problem. But what will happen when I get old? Will I be able to do that?" Angura asked.

Most garment workers expect too much when they enter the industry, said Nur Alom, the elected local chairman for Tekani and the surrounding villages. He said it's rare for a worker to save enough to buy

land or build a house. Realistically, they can purchase some cattle for their family.

Villagers say saving is difficult if only one or two people from the family go to work in the factories, but if four or five family members do it, it is possible.

While success stories are rare, they do exist. Rabiul Islam was recently back in Tekani overseeing the workers replacing his family's mud house with a brick one.

He started in the industry 14 years ago, making 700 takas (\$9) a month. He kept getting promotions and changing jobs until he reached as high up the chain as a common worker can, making 34,000 takas (\$435) a month as a factory production manager.

"I worked hard," he said. "Now it's paying off."

Moushumi had goals of her own when she and her mother, Hawa, left for the factories.

"We wanted to learn this work so we could return and buy machines and work from home," Hawa said. They also hoped to

save enough to pay Moushumi's eventual dowry.

In less than a year in the in-

dustry, the mother and daughter were employed at two other factories before they found work

in Tazreen. They had been on the job just 10 days when the fire broke out. Hawa was on the fifth floor; Moushumi was on the fourth.

"When we heard of a fire downstairs, we started running for the stairs, but the gates were locked," Hawa recalled. "The supervisor said it was nothing and if there is a fire, they will let us know."

Her thoughts turned to Moushumi.

"I tried to go to my daughter, but there was no way," she said. "The gates on each floor were locked. There was smoke everywhere."

Her colleagues broke through a window housing an exhaust fan and started jumping to the ground far below.

"I stuck my head out and someone pushed me through," Hawa said.

She woke up in the hospital with a broken leg and collarbone and injuries to her spine. She can walk now with a crutch, but requires monthly trips to Dhaka for medical treatment that are cutting into the 150,000 takas (\$1,925) she received for her injuries.

Moushumi is buried in a simple grave in a clearing a short walk from the house her death helped build. The family gathers there each Friday to pray that she has found peace.

As garment workers, she and her mother had been able to save 3,500 takas (\$45) on a good month. At that rate, they would have needed to work in factories for nearly 18 years to make as much as the family was paid in compensation for Moushumi's death.



In this Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012 file photo, Bangladeshi firefighters battle a fire at a garment factory in the Savar neighborhood in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Moushumi's family now has one of the largest homes in their village. It is the dream of nearly every Bangladeshi garment worker to earn enough money to build such a life back in their village. Moushumi, who like many people in Bangladesh used only one name, was just 18 when she was killed along with 111 others trapped behind the locked gates of the Tazreen garment factory when it burned last November. Her family renovated their home using the 600,000 takas (\$7,700) they received in compensation.

Campus Life

Per-student pre-K spending lowest in decade

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WASHINGTON (AP)—State funding for pre-kindergarten programs had its largest drop ever last year and states are now spending less per child than they did a decade ago, according to a report released Monday.

The report also found that more than a half million of those pre-school students are in programs that don't even meet standards suggested by industry experts that would qualify for federal dollars.

Those findings—combined with Congress' reluctance to spend new dollars—complicate President Barack Obama's effort to expand pre-K programs across the country. While Education Secretary Arne Duncan and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius continue to promote the president's proposal, researchers say existing programs are inadequate, and until their shortcomings are fixed there is little desire by lawmakers to get behind Obama's call for more preschool.

"The state of preschool was a state of emergency," said Steven Barnett, director of the National Institute for Early Education Research at Rutgers University, which produced the report.

During his State of the Union speech, Obama proposed a federal-state partnership that would dramatically expand options for families with young children. Obama's plan would fund public preschool for any 4-year-old whose family income was below twice the federal poverty rate.

If it were in place this year, the plan would allow a family of four with two children to enroll students in a pre-K program if the family earned less than \$46,566.

Students from families who earn more could participate in the program, but their parents would have to pay tuition based on their income. Eventually, 3-year-old students would be part of the program, too.

As part of his budget request, Obama proposed spending \$75 billion over 10 years to help states get these new programs up and running. During the first years, Washington would pick up the majority of the cost before shifting costs to states.

"It's the most significant opportunity to expand access to pre-K that this nation has ever seen," Barnett said of the president's proposal.

Obama proposed paying for this expansion by almost doubling the federal tax on cigarettes, to \$1.95 per pack.

Obama's pre-K plan faces a tough uphill climb, though, with the tobacco industry opposing the tax that would pay for it and lawmakers from tobacco-producing states also skepti-



Kindergarten teacher Terri Lowe with student Tristan Kobayashi at Foulks Ranch Elementary School in Elk Grove, California, on August 28, 2012.

cal. Conservative lawmakers have balked at starting another government program, as well. Obama's Democratic allies are clamoring to make it a priority.

To help it along, Duncan and Sebelius planned to join the report's researchers on Monday at a news conference to introduce the report, along with administration allies. They planned events later in the week to reit-

erate their support.

Yet those public events were unlikely to sway lawmakers who are already fighting among themselves over spending cuts that are forcing students to be dropped from existing preschool programs, the levying of higher fees for student loans and deep cuts for aid to military schools.

States spent about \$5.1 billion on pre-K programs in 2011-12,

the most recent school year, researchers wrote in the report.

Per-student funding for existing programs during that year dropped to an average of \$3,841 for each student. It was the first time average spending per student dropped below \$4,000 in today's dollars since researchers started tracking it during the 2001-02 academic year.

Adjusted for inflation, per-

student funding has been cut by more than \$1,000 during the last decade.

Yet nationwide, the amounts were widely varied. The District of Columbia spent almost \$14,000 on every child in its program while the states of Colorado, South Carolina and Nebraska spent less than \$2,000 per child.

"Whether you get a quality preschool program does depend on what ZIP code you are in," Barnett said.

Among the 40 states that offer state-funded pre-K programs, 27 cut per-student spending last year. In total, that meant \$548 million in cuts.

Money, of course, is not a guarantee for students' success. But students from poor schools generally lag students from better-funded counterparts and those students from impoverished families arrive in kindergarten less prepared than others.

In all, only 15 states and the District of Columbia spent enough money to provide quality programs, the researchers concluded. Those programs serve about 20 percent of the 1.3 million enrolled in state-funded prekindergarten programs.

"In far too many states, fund-

ing levels have fallen so low as to bring into question the effectiveness of their programs by any reasonable standard," researchers wrote.

Part of the reason for the decreased spending are the lingering effects of the economic downturn in 2008, coupled with the end of federal stimulus dollars to plug state budgets.

"Although the recession is technically over, the recovery in state revenues has lagged the recovery of the general economy and has been slower and weaker than following prior recessions. This does not bode well for digging back out of the hole created by years of cuts," the researchers wrote in their report.

Nationally, 42 percent of students—or more than a half million students—were in programs that met fewer than half of the benchmarks researchers identified as important to gauging a program's effectiveness, such as classrooms with fewer than 20 students and teachers with bachelor's degrees.

That, too, suggests problems for Obama's plan to expand pre-K programs, especially if Washington insists its partners meet quality benchmarks to win federal dollars.

China setting up first university campuses abroad

BEIJING (AP)—In the capital of tropical Laos, two dozen students who see their future in trade ties with neighboring China spent their school year attending Mandarin classes in a no-frills, rented room. It's the start of China's first, and almost certainly not its last, university campus abroad.

"There are a lot of companies in Laos that are from China," said 19-year-old Palamy Siphandone. She said she chose the Soochow University branch campus after hearing it would offer scholarships to students with high scores.

"If I can speak Chinese, I get more opportunities to work with them," she said in a telephone interview during a trip to the eastern Chinese city of Suzhou—the home city of Soochow University.

Education officials in China are promoting the notion of the country's universities expanding overseas, tapping new education markets while extending the influence of the rising economic power.

China so far has been on the receiving end of the globalization of education, with Western institutions rushing to China to set up shop. Now it's stepping out.

In addition to the emerging Laos campus, there are plans for what may become one of



In this Nov. 18, 2012 photo released on June 7, 2013 by Chen Mei, a Chinese teacher instructs the first class of students the Chinese language in a classroom at the transitional campus for Soochow University in Vientiane, Laos.

the world's largest overseas branch campuses in Malaysia and an agreement by a Chinese university to explore a joint campus with a British university in London.

"The Chinese government and its universities have been very ambitious in the reform and internationalization of Chinese higher education," said Mary Gallagher, director of the Center of Chinese Studies at University of Michigan.

"This is partly about increasing China's soft power, increasing the number of people who study the Chinese language and are knowledgeable about China

from the Chinese perspective."

Chinese universities historically have offered language lessons in foreign countries but usually to serve the overseas Chinese population. In recent years, the Chinese government has set up Confucius Institutes around the globe to promote Chinese culture and language.

But full-fledged campuses that can confer degrees are a new experiment. China's Education Ministry declined The Associated Press' request for an interview on the issue, saying the effort was too nascent to discuss yet.

The Laos branch of Soochow

University, based in Vientiane, is now looking to raise money for a full-fledged campus of 5,000 students, university official Chen Mei said.

"The national policy wants us to go out, as the internationalization of education comes with the globalization of economy," she said.

The Lao campus started as part of an economic development zone between Laos and Chinese governments, then continued after the larger project fell through.

China's Xiamen University, based in eastern Fujian province, announced plans early

this year to open a branch in Malaysia by 2015 and have annual enrollment of 10,000 by 2020. In May, China's Zhejiang University and Imperial College London signed an agreement to explore options for a joint campus, though the scope and funding are still to be spelled out.

Philip G. Altbach, an expert on international higher education at Boston College, warns that Chinese universities might be venturing out too soon.

"I think that China's top universities have sufficient work to do at home that they do not need to expand into the risky and often expensive world of branch campuses outside of China," Altbach wrote in an e-mail. "China's global influence and prestige in higher education is best served by strengthening its universities at home and offering a 'world class' education to Chinese students and expanded numbers of overseas students."

Starting in the 1990s, China—aiming to graduate more college students—began to build new campuses, encourage privatization of higher education and expand enrollment. The rush has been accompanied with criticism that quality has been overlooked by quantity and that Chinese colleges have failed to prepare their students for the job market, or to deliver a well-rounded education.

Life & Style

In Israel, Streisand criticizes treatment of women

JERUSALEM (AP)—Entertainer Barbra Streisand waded into one of Israel's touchiest issues Monday on the first major stop of her tour of the country—Jewish religious practices that separate men and women.

Speaking at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on Monday, where she received an honorary doctorate, she took aim at cases of ultra-Orthodox Jews targeting women, even as she warmly praised the country.

"I realize it's not easy to fully grasp the dynamics of what happens in a foreign land," she said.

But "it's distressing to read about women in Israel being forced to sit in the back of the bus or when we hear about 'Women of the Wall' having metal chairs thrown at them when they attempt to peacefully and legally pray."

She was referring to isolated incidents in which ultra-Orthodox men tried to force women to sit separately at the rear of buses that go through their neighborhoods, as well as more serious clashes in which ultra-Orthodox Jews tried to prevent women donning prayer shawls



Entertainment star Barbra Streisand speaks during a ceremony at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem after she received an honorary doctorate in Jerusalem, Monday, June 17, 2013.

and carrying Torah scrolls from praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, the holiest site where Jews can worship.

According to traditional Orthodox Jewish practice, only men wear prayer shawls and handle Torah scrolls, though

that is slowly changing in some places. Ultra-Orthodox Jews, who cut themselves off from the rest of society but wield dispro-

portionate power in government and religious affairs, fear that allowing women to make such inroads will erode their authority.

Israeli Justice Minister Tzipi Livni has introduced legislation making forced separation of men and women in public places like buses illegal. On the issue of women praying at the Western Wall, a court has upheld the right of women to wear prayer shawls, and a proposal has also been made to set aside a section of the Western Wall for mixed-gender prayers.

Streisand said she was pleased to hear that there were hopeful developments. "Repairs are being made, and that's very good," she said.

Earlier in the day, the entertainer met 20 children with life-threatening illnesses from the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation. Streisand beamed as a teenage girl sang her song, "People."

"I shall treasure this," she said. "It's so powerful to be in a room with you all, and especially the children, who touched

my heart."

Streisand visited the university in one of the first stops of her trip to Israel since 1984, receiving an honorary Ph.D.

She spoke at length of her admiration for Israel and the Hebrew University, which opened a building named after her father in 1984 after she donated money for its construction.

"I think he would be very proud to know that this esteemed institution is honoring his daughter," she said.

She praised the university for graduating a record number of female Ph.D. students this year, the first time that women made up a majority of the degree recipients.

University officials called the Jewish singer and actor "a close friend of Israel" and said that her honorary Ph.D. was "an opportunity to recognize her support, her friendship, her generosity."

Streisand's tour has attracted widespread attention from the public and the media.

Miss Utah latest beauty queen to botch answer

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Miss Utah is the latest beauty queen to trip on American television, not over her gown, but during the interview segment.

Asked about income inequality at the Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas Sunday night, Marissa Powell gave a rambling, awkwardly-worded answer that included several long pauses and the phrase "create education better."

The cringe-inducing response was getting lots of buzz Monday. As a video of the episode racked up hundreds of thousands of views, pageant co-owner Donald Trump scolded the haters on Twitter, saying anyone can lose their train of thought.

The question was a bit of a head scratcher itself.

"A recent report shows that in 40 percent of American families with children, women are the primary earners, yet they continue to earn less than men. What does this say about society?" asked NeNe Leakes of the reality series "The Real Housewives of Atlanta."

Undaunted by the three-in-one prompt, the 21-year-old Powell started off strong:

"I think we can relate this back to education, and how we are continuing to try to strive ... to ...," she said, before appearing to lose her way.

She picked up after a long pause: "... figure out how to create jobs right now. That is the

biggest problem. And I think, especially the men are ... seen as the leaders of this, and so we need to see how to create education better. So that we can solve this problem. Thank you."

Despite the stammering answer, she came in third runner-up.

Miss Utah is not the only beauty to mangle the interview. Blunders are part of the appeal of the live show and hers was certainly not the worst recorded in a pageant.

Miss South Carolina took that crown with her 2007 "such as"-filled response to a question about why Americans can't find their own country on a map.

That word soup answer managed to include South Af-

rica, Iraq, nation building and an allusion to a map shortage in the U.S.

Miss California 2009 brought the phrase "opposite marriage" into the mainstream when she told gay blogger Perez Hilton she opposed same-sex marriage.

Last December, Miss Venezuela became the talk of the Internet after she attempted to answer a question in English during the Miss Universe contest in Las Vegas. Her answer was unintelligible at times, and fans said it cost her the competition. But at least she had a language barrier to blame.

Miss Utah, who was still trending on Twitter a day after her flub, was keeping quiet amid the fallout.

UK report: Saatchi cautioned over assault on wife

LONDON (AP)—Art collector Charles Saatchi has been cautioned over a dramatic assault on his TV presenter wife Nigella Lawson captured by a tabloid photographer just outside a fancy London restaurant.

The Daily Mirror said late Monday that Saatchi, 70, had accepted the official warning after a five-hour grilling over dramatic photographs published in its sister paper, the Sunday People, which showed him grasping Lawson's throat. The tabloid published photographs of what it said showed Saatchi taking a cab back from a London police station.

Under British law, a caution is a formal warning given to some-

one who admits a minor offense. It carries no penalty, but it can be used as evidence of bad character if a person is later prosecuted for a different crime.

When asked about Saatchi, London's Metropolitan Police said that a 70-year-old man had been cautioned for assault after voluntarily attending a police station following an investigation into the pictures published by the Sunday People.

The force didn't mention Saatchi by name—authorities in Britain rarely identify suspects who haven't been charged—but such statements are routinely understood as confirmation of media reports.

Contact information for Saatchi couldn't immediately be located, but the collector had earlier told the London Evening Standard newspaper that the photos misrepresented a "playful tiff."

Saatchi, an Evening Standard columnist, said "the pictures are horrific but give a far more drastic and violent impression of what took place."

"About a week ago, we were sitting outside a restaurant having an intense debate about the children, and I held Nigella's neck repeatedly while attempting to emphasize my point," he was quoted as saying. "There was no grip, it was a playful tiff."

The 70-year-old Saatchi

also told the paper the couple "had made up by the time we were home."

"The paparazzi were congregated outside our house after the story broke yesterday morning, so I told Nigella to take the kids off till the dust settled."

Lawson's spokesman, Mark Hutchinson, confirmed that she and her children had left the family home but declined to comment further.

Saatchi and Lawson married in 2003 and live in London with Lawson's son and daughter from her marriage to journalist John Diamond, who died of cancer in 2001, and Saatchi's daughter from a previous marriage.

Helen Mirren in 'The Audience' sets NT Live record

NEW YORK (AP)—As a queen, Helen Mirren reigns on screen and stage.

National Theatre Live, which broadcasts stage shows from England to movie screens worldwide, said Monday that its June 13 live broadcast of Mirren as Queen Elizabeth II in the play "The Audience" has captured its largest audience to date.

"We were expecting a big audience for it because there's been great buzz but it's turned out even greater than expected," David Sabel, executive producer of NT Live, said in an interview from London. "It's very exciting."

Peter Morgan's play performed at London's Gielgud Theatre was seen by nearly 30,000 people in North America and nearly 80,000 people in the United Kingdom, a record for the four-year-old program which



Mirren

began with a screening of "Phedre" starring Mirren.

The response has prompted more encore screenings of the play. In North America, there are 700 screenings scheduled throughout the summer, with additional encores to be added. In the UK, nearly 800 screenings will take place.

"The Audience" imagines the private weekly meetings between the monarch and Britain's prime ministers—12 in all—over her six-decade reign. In the play, the queen grows from a tentative 20-something

to wise octogenarian while retaining a core of solitude.

Mirren won an Oliver Award in April for the role. The actress also won an Academy Award in 2007 for her performance as the same British monarch in "The Queen," a drama about the aftermath of the death of Princess Diana.

"You never quite know the ingredients that will make the recipe for success in theater," said Sabel. "But before 'The Audience' even opened, this felt like an incredibly exciting and tantalizing offer to see Helen play a role that she played so iconically onscreen in her Oscar-winning performance."

National Theatre Live's fifth season will include Shakespeare's "Othello" starring Adrian Lester and directed by Nicholas Hytner on Sept. 26; "Macbeth" with Kenneth

Branagh that will be broadcast internationally on Oct. 17; and the Donmar Warehouse's production of Shakespeare's "Coriolanus" on Jan. 30. All shows will have encore screenings.

In addition, the Tony Award-winning play "War Horse" will be broadcast live from the West End for the first time in 2014. The play, about horses sent to the battlefields during World War I, played some 750 shows on Broadway after premiering at the National Theatre in London in 2007 and triggering multiple tours.

Jenner: Kim Kardashian 'thrilled for the new baby'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kris Jenner says her daughter Kim Kardashian is thrilled to have a new baby girl.

Kardashian and her rapper boyfriend Kanye West were keeping silent in the wake of multiple reports that Kardashian gave birth over the weekend—about a month premature.

But Jenner told E! at the Daytime Emmys on Sunday that Kim is “extremely happy and thrilled for the new baby and she’s doing great and she’s beautiful.”

Kardashian’s sister Khloe appeared to have let the word slip on Twitter.

“I can not even begin to describe the miracle that is now apart of our family. Mommy/baby are healthy & resting. We appreciate all of the love,” she tweeted Sunday.

She quickly followed with a second tweet: “More info will come when the time is right! Thank you all for understanding! We love you all dearly! Overwhelmed with love right now.”

Jenner linked to both tweets on her Twitter account, then wished West a Happy Father’s Day.

Asked for comment on the red carpet at the Daytime Emmys, where she was a pre-



In this Oct. 22, 2012 file photo, singer Kanye West and girlfriend Kim Kardashian attend a benefit in New York.

senter, Jenner said, “She’s in charge,” pointing at her publicist who whisked her away

from print reporters after doing TV interviews.

The reality TV star’s preg-

nancy was almost as anticipated as the royal pregnancy of Kate Middleton, who is due in mid-

July. That’s about the time the Kardashian baby had been due.

The 32-year-old has often

been photographed since announcing she was pregnant, opting to continue to wear designer clothing. She told The Associated Press in April that she eventually embraced being an expecting mom after getting past “the awkward phases and stages.”

The couple had initially kept the baby’s gender a secret, but the sex was revealed earlier this month during one of Kardashian’s doctor appointments on “Keeping up with the Kardashians.”

When asked about how much the baby might be featured in the E! series, the channel said Monday it was “thrilled for Kim and Kanye and out of respect for their privacy won’t be offering any further comment.”

News of the birth has been swaddled in secrecy. Representatives for West and Kim Kardashian didn’t respond to emails and calls from The Associated Press, nor did any representatives for family members, friends and professional associates. And all of the weekend media reports on the birth were attributed to anonymous sources.

In a recent interview with The New York Times, West said he didn’t like talking about his family or the arrival of his child.

“Like, this is my baby. This isn’t America’s baby,” he said.

Expert: Promoter created conflict with Jackson doc

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The promoter of Michael Jackson’s ill-fated series of comeback shows created a conflict of interest with the singer’s physician when it negotiated terms of his deal, an expert testifying for the superstar’s mother told a jury Monday.

David Berman told jurors hearing a negligent hiring lawsuit against concert promoter AEG Live LLC that the company should not have negotiated with Jackson’s physician without notifying the singer’s representatives of the discussion.

The former head of Capitol Records and holder high-level positions at several other record companies is being paid to testify for Katherine Jackson in her lawsuit against AEG Live.

Asked whether it was appropriate for the concert company to attempt to hire a doctor on Jackson’s behalf, Berman responded: “I believe that it’s highly inappropriate. It is highly unusual.”

A more appropriate relationship would have been for Jackson to hire cardiologist Conrad Murray without any involvement from AEG Live, Berman said. Based on draft contracts and emails between company executives, Berman said he believed AEG Live thought it controlled the physician.

Berman retired from the

music industry in 2001 to become an expert witness for music industry-related lawsuits. He said he had never heard of a situation in which a tour promoter hired a doctor on behalf of an artist. He began working in the music business in 1969 as a transactional attorney before making the leap to record executive, working with acts such as The Eagles, Van Halen, The Beach Boys, The Doors and other big-name acts.

Berman said he believed that music companies owe a higher obligation to artists than to music buyers or concertgoers and, in this instance, AEG failed Jackson.

He was shown emails in which a tour accountant traded emails with Murray without including any of the singer’s representatives.

To prepare for his testimony, Berman said he had reviewed numerous documents, including 26 depositions and testimony from AEG executives during the trial, which is now in its eighth week. He said he is being paid \$500 an hour for his work on the case.

Murray, who was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in 2011, was never paid his \$150,000 per month fee for working with Jackson. The superstar died from an overdose of the anesthetic propofol before signing Mur-

ray’s contract.

AEG denies it hired Murray. The company’s executives and lawyers have said the company was merely advancing Jackson the money to pay Murray, and a valid contract never existed. Its executives also have stated that it agreed to pay Murray’s salary only because Jackson insisted on him coming on tour.

An AEG attorney showed Berman a statement signed by Jackson’s former manager, Frank Dileo, stating that he was aware of negotiations with Murray, and that it was his understanding that AEG Live’s CEO objected to bringing the physician on tour.

The company’s lawyers have yet to question Berman but already have objected to his expertise. An AEG Live defense attorney has noted that Berman was never a tour producer or promoter—functions that AEG Live was serving as during preparations for Jackson’s comeback shows.

Superior Court Judge Yvette Palazuelos reminded jurors Monday that they will ultimately decide whether AEG Live hired Murray.

It will be several more weeks before the trial concludes. Plaintiff’s attorney Brian Panish said Monday that he expects to finish his case the week of July 8.

Netflix cuts original TV deal with DreamWorks

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Netflix said Monday that it would offer new TV shows from DreamWorks Animation starting in 2014 in what the company described as its biggest transaction ever for original first-run content.

Though financial details were not disclosed, Netflix Inc. said the agreement includes more than 300 hours of new TV episodes in a multi-year deal. Analysts estimated the contract could be worth several hundred million dollars over time.

The transaction is a major coup for both companies. It helps Netflix compete with pay TV channels such as HBO and Showtime, and it gives DreamWorks a potentially lucrative outlet for its shows as it tries to shed its reliance on two or three big-budget movies each year.

“This is arguably a groundbreaking deal,” said Tuna Amobi, a Standard & Poor’s equity analyst who covers both Netflix and DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc.

While concerns remain about how much the deal will cost Netflix in the end, the company said it can debut the original series in the 40 countries where Netflix operates. That could help spread the costs over more territories and more subscribers if Netflix continues to grow overseas.

“The big question is if this is going to be an international catalyst in terms of subscriber growth,” Amobi said.



In this Oct. 1, 2011 file photo, a Netflix DVD envelope and Netflix on-screen television menu are shown in Surfside, Fla.

Investors hailed the deal as a win-win. Netflix shares rose \$15.24, or 7.1 percent, to close at \$229.23 on Monday, while DreamWorks shares rose 93 cents, or 4 percent, to close at \$23.74.

Netflix is doubling down on original children’s programming, hoping to strengthen its push to become a family entertainment brand. The new content should ease some of the pain of losing a range of kids shows from Viacom Inc.’s Nickelodeon network, including future episodes of “Dora the Explorer,” which Amazon.com Inc. snapped up for its streaming service in early June.

The deal suggests DreamWorks will significantly ramp up its production of TV shows. Currently, it only produces “Dragons: Riders of Berk” for

Cartoon Network, which completed a run of 20 episodes at 23 minutes each—less than 8 hours of content in all—in March.

A second season of “Dragons” is set for release in the fall, and Netflix had already contracted with DreamWorks for a series based on its upcoming film, “Turbo.” But the deal suggests that several new series will have to debut each year to fulfill the industry standard deal length of five to seven years.

New series will be based on characters either from future film hits, past franchises like “Shrek,” or even older hits, including the hundreds of characters like “Casper the Friendly Ghost,” which DreamWorks acquired when it bought Classic Media last July for \$155 million.

Perry talks Russell Brand, John Mayer with Vogue

NEW YORK (AP)—Katy Perry 'goes there' with Vogue about two of her high-profile relationships, as the magazine's July cover story.

The singer says of ex-husband Russell Brand that she "was in love with him when I married him" in 2010. She also adds that she hasn't heard from the comedian since Brand texted her on New Year's Eve of 2011 to say he wanted a divorce, about 14 months later.

She also goes on to say she blamed herself for their breakup until she "found out the real truth" which she "can't necessarily disclose."

Perry also opens up to Vogue about her on-again-off-again relationship with John Mayer saying she "was madly in love with him" and still is. She also says he has a "beautiful mind" and a "tortured soul."

The July issue of Vogue goes on sale June 25.



This publicity photo provided by Vogue shows singer Katy Perry on the July 2013 cover of Vogue magazine, photographed by Annie Leibovitz. The new issue goes on sale nationwide June 25, 2013.

'World War Z' draws crowd in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—Thousands of fans brought Times Square to a standstill as they waited to catch a glimpse of Brad Pitt at his premiere for "World War Z."

The 49-year old actor took his time on the appropriately-designed "Z-shaped" red carpet, often breaking away to sign autographs.

Pitt stars and produced the apocalyptic thriller based on the book by Max Brooks.

He plays a former United Nations investigator who traverses the world in a race against time to stop a pandemic that is threatening to decimate humanity.

His partner and mother of his children, Angelina Jolie, serves as a U.N. Ambassador.

So how does she feel about him representing the U.N. in the film?

Pitt laughed, saying: "She just didn't want me to embarrass them."



Actor Brad Pitt attends the premiere of "World War Z" in Times Square on Monday, June 17, 2013, in New York.

Grandma on the sidelines would like to join the game

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: My son married a sweet girl three years ago, and I thought we would become a close family. I haven't bothered them at all. Since then, she has become cold and distant to me. My son rarely calls or comes around.

They are expecting their first child soon. I have been left out of all the excitement of the baby. She has not invited me to the baby showers or to see the nursery, etc. I know it's not all about me, but I would like to be included.

My side of the family doesn't seem to matter to her or my son. Because he doesn't stand up for me, I fear I will never get to be close to my grandchild. I don't want to upset them, but how do I handle this?

SAD GRANDMA-TO-BE

DEAR SAD: Talk to your son about your feelings, and ask if there is a reason for his wife's behavior. Then ask if he WANTS you to be a part of his child's life, because the way things are going, it doesn't appear to be the case. That you haven't been invited to the baby showers is terrible, but nothing will change until you bring your concerns out into the open.

I'm sad to say your problem isn't unusual, and it usually happens in marriages where the husband is afraid or unwilling to talk about uncomfortable subjects and prefers to avoid confrontation.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been a widower for 15 years. I had kids at home, so restarting romantic life wasn't a priority after my wife died. Ten years later, I realized I was no longer interested in women, and my love life since then has been with men. While I have never been vocal about it with family and friends, I assume they all probably know.

A couple of months ago, one of my male friends—much younger than I and from my poker group—came to my home to take me to lunch. I had always assumed he was gay. I made a pass and ended up seducing him. He was a great sex partner, but he changed his mind about going to lunch afterward. He has never shown up for poker since and no one has heard from him.

I feel bad, but I am not ashamed and I would never say anything that would lead anyone to know what happened. Should I contact my former friend and reassure him? He's a good man and I worry about him.

MISSING A FRIEND IN MIAMI

DEAR MISSING: The man you seduced may not have been as comfortable with gay sex as you assumed he was. Try to contact him once, but if he wanted to see you again, he wouldn't have disappeared. My advice is to leave it at that because it appears he isn't interested in another round of poker—or anything else—with you.

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DEAR ABBY: I have discovered that the man I have been seeing for several years has been stealing money from me. There is no question in my mind that it's him. What is the best way to confront him? It breaks my heart, but I need to give him a chance to be honest about this.

I care for him as a person but no longer trust him. I know he's going through a lot right now, but so are a lot of us. Please guide me. I don't do confrontations well.

USED IN INDIANA

DEAR USED: If you have proof of what he has done, a way to approach it would be to discuss with him IN A PUBLIC PLACE that money has disappeared—and you would like his "help" in figuring out where it went. Depending upon his response, you may have to take specific action by involving your lawyer, your CPA or the police.

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Harris to return to Broadway

NEW YORK (AP)—Neil Patrick Harris is returning to the stage—and not to hand out awards.

The four-time Tony Award host and former "Doogie Howser, M.D." actor will star on Broadway in the spring as the gender-bent rock chanteuse

Written by John Cameron Mitchell and composer Stephen Trask, "Hedwig" was an unlikely hit fashioned out of a strange story: a tale of obsession, glam rock, a botched sex-change operation and a quest for identity.

Mitchell starred in an off-

Broadway production that played for two years starting in 1998 in the dilapidated ballroom of an ancient Greenwich Village hotel and reprised the role in a 2001 film version. In a statement, Mitchell said: "Who better to pass the wig to but the finest entertainer of his generation?"

Harris, the 40-year-old "How I Met Your Mother" star, has been featured in three Broadway productions, including "Assassins," "Proof" and as the exuberant master of ceremonies in "Cabaret."

In a statement, Harris said: "I am simultaneously ecstatic and terrified to be stepping into Hedwig's heels. It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime role and I can't wait to begin the journey."



Actor Neil Patrick Harris performs on stage at the 67th Annual Tony Awards, on Sunday, June 9, 2013 in New York.

at the center of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," the cult musical that was made into a cult movie.

The rest of the creative team members, cast, dates and the theater will be announced later.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Prince Philip leaves hospital after surgery

LONDON (AP)—Britain's Prince Philip was discharged from a London hospital on Monday, 10 days after undergoing exploratory surgery on his abdomen. Philip, also known as the Duke of Edinburgh, smiled and shook hands with medical staff as he walked steadily from the London Clinic, clutching a thick hardback book. Buckingham Palace said Philip was "in good condition and good spirits." The husband of Queen Elizabeth II, who turned 92 on June 10, had an operation under general anesthetic on June 7. Philip has suffered heart and bladder problems in the past, but officials have not released details about his current condition. The palace said the prince is expected to spend two

months convalescing, initially at Windsor Castle near London.

Miss Universe contest heads to Moscow

LAS VEGAS (AP)—This year's Miss Universe pageant will be held in Russia's capital, Moscow. Donald Trump made the announcement Sunday after the Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas. He added that he would be moving Miss USA out of Las Vegas and to his golf resort in Miami for the next three years. Trump said 18 different countries were vying to host Miss Universe, set for Nov. 9. Miss Universe was held in Brazil in 2011, and there were talks of moving it to the Dominican Republic for 2012 before it was ultimately held in Las Vegas.

Dave Chappelle to headline monthlong comedy tour

NEW YORK (AP)—Dave Chappelle is making his most substantial return to stand-up comedy with a one-month tour for Funny Or Die. The comedian will headline the Oddball Comedy and Curiosity Festival, which kicks off Aug. 23 in Austin, Texas. The 13-date, two-stage tour concludes Sept. 22 in Phoenix. The 39-year-old Chappelle has occasionally performed impromptu sets in comedy clubs. But he has largely avoided comedy and public life since abruptly leaving his hit Comedy Central series, "Chappelle's Show," in 2005. Also on the bill are Flight of the Conchords, Hannibal Buress, Kristen Schaal and Al Madrigal.

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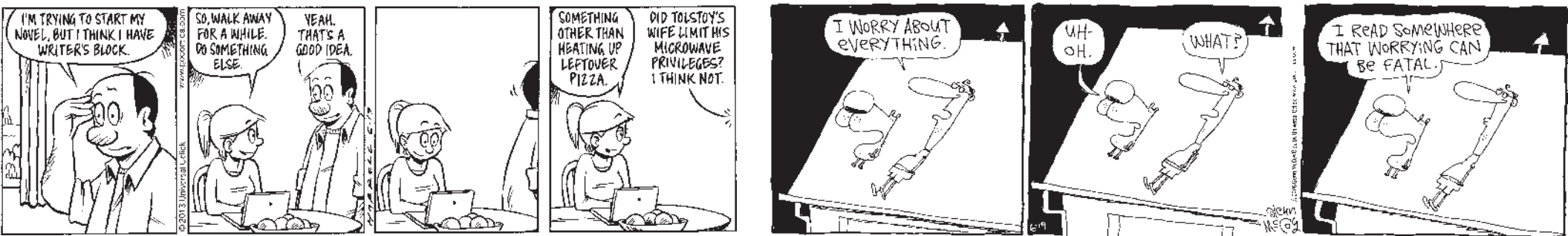
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Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer 6-19

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Macklemore, 30; Zoe Saldana, 35; Jean Dujardin, 41; Paula Abdul, 51

Happy Birthday: Pump up the enthusiasm and lace it with a little intensity. You've got your creative mojo working and it would be a waste not to explore new ideas and initiate passionate endeavors. Set your priorities straight and choose the path less traveled if it will allow you to open up personally, emotionally and physically. Romance is highlighted. Your numbers are 6, 13, 19, 21, 28, 36, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put thought into how to improve your financial position. Contracts, legal matters, settlements or investing in a skill or talent you have will help you subsidize your overhead. Communication, short trips, updating your resume or business meetings should be planned. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Spend time with friends, family and helping out in your community. Take on a responsibility that will help someone out. It may be difficult, but it will be rewarding. A personal relationship will develop into a much closer connection if you are affectionate. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put greater emphasis on the approach you take to professional projects. Innovative ideas will give you the edge and impress someone influential. A change in plans will lead to meeting new people and exploring possibilities that develop. Don't spend impulsively. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't sit at home or you will miss out on a great opportunity if you aren't a participant. Network,

socialize and get involved in project, pastimes or events in your community and good things will happen. Love is on the rise. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Responsibilities and demands are likely. Be prepared to dig in and get whatever needs to be done out of the way so you can move on to more enticing projects or plans. A change of environment will spark a moneymaking idea. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Express what you have to offer and are prepared to do. Make your position clear and counter any negativity or criticism you encounter. Focus on the end result. Love is highlighted, and a romantic end to your day should be planned. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on acquiring information, knowledge and experience. Good fortune will result from what and whom you know, so mingle with people you feel can help you advance. Don't let a relationship stand between you and your success. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put greater emphasis on love, creativity and using your skills and talent to inch ahead. Let your intuition guide you and don't hesitate to make a promise or commitment to someone you feel contributes to your life personally or professionally. Love is highlighted. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep the peace. Put more effort into investments, your surroundings or a deal. Along with honesty, innovation and being selective will lead to success. Listen carefully to a proposal, and if it sounds too good to be true, do more research. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Please someone you care about. Sharing your interests and offering your help or services will put you in a good position. Discipline will pay off and help you complete jobs that may have been difficult in the past. Romance is highlighted. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use your imagination and you can avoid negativity. Turn whatever you come up against into a positive by offering a unique solution. Trust in who you are and what you can do. Expand your interests and your friendships. Creativity is on the rise. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get back to basics, resurrect old plans or goals and give them a creative twist that will turn an okay idea into something spectacular and successful. Love is on the rise, and romance should not be forgotten. ****

Birthday Baby: You are entertaining and inventive. You are passionate and romantic.

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORDS. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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4 solo homers send Reds over Pirates, 4-1



CINCINNATI (AP) —

Todd Frazier wasn't going to let left-hander Francisco Liriano get another fastball by him. He guessed right and hit one a long way.

Frazier and Zack Cozart hit upper-deck homers off Liriano, and the Cincinnati Reds moved a season-high 15 games over .500 by beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-1 on Monday night.

The Reds (43-28) hit four solo homers in all, extending their best start since 1995, the last time they won a playoff series. The win also kept Cincinnati in second place in the NL Central, a game and a half ahead of the Pirates.

Cozart connected on a hanging slider in the fourth and Frazier hit a down-the-middle fastball in the sixth off Liriano (5-3), who hadn't allowed a homer in his seven previous starts. He opened the season on the disabled list, recovering from a broken right arm last December.

During a game in Pittsburgh this season, Liriano tied up Frazier with a fastball. He had that in mind when he came to bat and got one on the first pitch.

"That one felt pretty good," Frazier said. "He tried to get one past in Pittsburgh and I got enough of it to get a single. I was looking for it, and got my (front) foot down sooner and got some good wood on it."

Joey Votto and Jay Bruce connected in the eighth inning off Bryan Morris. Bruce has three homers during a five-game hitting streak.

Mike Leake (7-3) extended the best stretch of his four-year career, giving up six hits—including Russell Martin's RBI double—in seven innings. Leake got 13 outs off ground balls and fanned three.

"He's pitching with confidence and pitching a little harder," manager Dusty Baker said. "He just goes about his business with no fanfare. There's no difference in his personality."

The right-hander is 5-1 in his last seven starts with a 1.15 earned run average, showing why the Reds made him their first-round pick in the June 2009 draft.

"He's been doing this for three months now and building up to this," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "That's a guy that can pitch. That's what he's evolved into. He pitched as well as I've ever seen him."

With seven wins, Leake is only five shy of his career high from the 2011 season. He went right to the majors after the Reds drafted him out of Arizona State, going 8-4 as a rookie.

"I'm a little bit more motivated," Leake said. "I think my head's back in college, pitching-wise, and I'm thinking a little better."

Tony Cingrani made his first relief appearance this season and pitched out of a two-on threat in the eighth, fanning Pedro Alvarez to keep the score



Cincinnati Reds' Zack Cozart rounds the bases after hitting a solo home run off Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Francisco Liriano in the fourth inning of a baseball game, Monday, June 17, 2013, in Cincinnati.

2-1. Cingrani joined the rotation when Johnny Cueto went on the disabled list, and the Reds kept him around with Cueto back so they'd have another left-hander in their depleted bullpen.

Aroldis Chapman pitched the ninth for his 18th save in 20 chances, walking one and fanning two.

Braves 2, Mets 1

In Atlanta, Freddie Freeman hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning off Dillon Gee, giving Atlanta a stunning victory over New York in a game that was delayed nearly four hours by rain.

Gee (5-7) totally shut down the Braves until the ninth, when Justin Upton singled with one out before Freeman launched a towering drive into the right-field seats on a 2-2 pitch to end a game that didn't start until nearly 11 p.m.

Until then, Gee had allowed only two runners as far as second base.

David Carpenter (1-0) earned the win with a scoreless ninth. Tim Hudson worked seven innings for the Braves, allowing only Gee's RBI single with two outs in the seventh.

The long delay came at an inopportune time with the teams facing a day-night doubleheader Tuesday.

Padres 5, Giants 3, 13 innings

In San Francisco, Will Venable

made an incredible catch, pinch-hitting pitcher Andrew Cashner drove in the go-ahead run with a perfectly executed safety squeeze in the 13th inning, and San Diego extended its season-best winning streak to seven with a victory over San Francisco.

Venable's diving grab on the center-field warning track with his back to home plate ended the 12th and stole a game-winning hit from Juan Perez.

Moments later, Alexi Amarista started the winning rally with a single and went to third on Chris Denorfia's single. Cashner came up to face Jose Mijares (0-1) and dropped a bunt single between the mound and third base for his sixth career hit and second RBI.

San Diego added another run on a bases-loaded walk from Jake Dunning.

Nick Vincent (1-0) earned the win with two scoreless innings.

Marlins 3, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Giancarlo Stanton drove in all three Miami runs with a pair of homers and the Marlins handed Arizona its fourth straight loss.

Patrick Corbin, trying to become the first left-handed starter in 35 years to go 10-0, allowed two hits through eight innings but gave up a two-run homer to Stanton that tied the game at 2.

Stanton's line-drive home run to right off Heath Bell (2-1) in

the ninth put Miami ahead for the first time. It was the 100th homer of his career, and sixth in 43 at-bats at Chase Field.

Mike Dunn (2-1) threw a scoreless eighth inning to get the win.

Steve Cishek pitched a perfect ninth for his 10th save in 12 tries.

Phillies 5, Nationals 4

In Philadelphia, Domonic Brown hit an RBI single with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Phillies beat the Nationals.

The Nationals tied it at 4 when Chad Tracy hit a solo homer with two outs in the ninth off closer Jonathan Papelbon (1-0). It was the first blown save for Papelbon, who had converted his previous 13 chances.

Ben Revere led off the Phillies' ninth with a single against Fernando Abad (0-2). Revere was running on Jimmy Rollins' one-out single and easily reached third base.

Abad struck out pinch-hitter Steven Lerud for the second out before Brown fisted the winning hit to center. Papelbon was the first player to greet Brown in celebration as he was rounding first base.

Cardinals 5, Cubs 2

In St. Louis, rookie Shelby Miller pitched five shutout innings and Yadier Molina had a two-run double to lead St. Louis to a win over Chicago.

Miller (8-4), who had to wait

out a rain delay of 1 hour, 59 minutes to start the game, left due to cramping in his right leg. He allowed just two hits and struck out five in the shortest start of his career. His previous shortest stint was 5 1-3 innings at Los Angeles on May 26.

Kevin Siegrist and Seth Maness followed Miller and combined for two shutout innings. Edward Munica gave up a homer to Darwin Barney in the ninth, but still earned his 20th save.

Travis Wood (5-6) gave up four runs on seven hits.

Tigers 5, Orioles 1

In Detroit, Max Scherzer improved to 10-0 and struck out 10 and Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run homer as the Detroit Tigers beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-1 on Monday.

Scherzer became the first pitcher to begin a season 10-0—with all decisions coming in starts—since Roger Clemens went 11-0 for Toronto in 1997, according to STATS. He allowed one run and seven hits in six innings. Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 24th homer in the second, but struck out with the bases loaded in the fifth and the Orioles down by two runs.

Jake Arrieta (1-2) allowed five hits on 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings for Baltimore, and he was sent down to the minors following the game.

With two on and none out in the fifth, Arrieta struck out Cabrera on a wild pitch that allowed two runners to get into scoring position. Victor Martinez hit a sacrifice fly and Jhonny Peralta's RBI single gave Detroit a four-run cushion in the fifth, chasing Arrieta.

Drew Smyly followed with three hitless innings for his second save.

Angels 11, Mariners 3

In Anaheim, California, Albert Pujols had an RBI double among his four hits and Josh Hamilton hit a two-run homer as Los Angeles pounded out a season-high 21 hits in a win over Seattle.

Alberto Callaspo matched his career high with four hits, driving in two runs during the Angels' seven-run sixth inning. Peter Bourjos had three hits as Los Angeles battered Aaron Harang (3-7) and the Seattle bullpen in its fourth victory in five games.

Jason Vargas (6-4) yielded four hits and recorded a season-high nine strikeouts in seven strong innings, easily beating his former teammates in his second start against the Mariners since an offseason trade.

Nick Franklin hit an early two-run homer for Seattle in the opener of a four-game series.

Rangers 8, Athletics 7

In Arlington, Texas, Nelson Cruz homered twice and A.J. Pierzynski drove in three runs as Texas snapped a six-game losing streak with a win over AL West-leading Oakland.

The Rangers had scored only eight runs during what was the longest active skid in the majors, and all six losses came at home.

Cruz's second homer was a two-run shot onto the hill in straightaway center field on an 0-2 pitch from Jesse Chavez (1-1) in the fifth. Cruz added a run-scoring double in the seventh.

Neal Cotts (3-1) went 2 1-3 perfect innings in relief of rookie Nick Tepesch. Robbie Ross and Tanner Scheppers each worked 1-2-3 innings, then Joe Nathan secured his 21st save in 22 chances.

Royals 2, Indians 1

In Cleveland, pinch-runner Elliot Johnson scored from third base on a wild pitch by reliever Matt Albers in the ninth inning, giving Kansas City a win over Cleveland.

Johnson sprinted home and slid in safely after Albers' pitch got under catcher Carlos Santana and went all the way to the backstop.

Aaron Crow (3-2) struck out two after putting the potential go-ahead run at third in the eighth. Greg Holland stranded the tying run at third in the ninth for his 15th save in 17 tries.

Bryan Shaw (0-1) couldn't protect a 1-0 lead for Cleveland starter Carlos Carrasco, charged with just one run and four hits in 7 1-3 innings.

Blue Jays 2, Rockies 0

In Toronto, Maicer Izturis hit a two-run single in the eighth inning as Toronto won its sixth consecutive game with a victory over Colorado.

Josh Johnson struck out a season-high 10 over 7 1-3 innings but remained winless in seven starts with Toronto, having received only 13 runs of support. Johnson allowed five hits and walked two, lowering his ERA from 5.40 to 4.38.

Brett Cecil (3-0) escaped an eighth-inning jam and Casey Janssen finished for his 14th save.

Rajai Davis singled off reliever Matt Belisle (4-4) to start the eighth-inning rally, just the second hit of the game for the Blue Jays.

White Sox 4, Astros 2

In Houston, Dayan Viciedo hit a bases-loaded triple in a four-run sixth inning as Chicago beat Houston end a four-game skid and avoid its first four-game sweep since 2008.

Nate Jones (3-4) allowed three hits in 1 1-3 scoreless innings for the win, striking out three, and Addison Reed pitched a perfect ninth for his 20th save.

White Sox starter Jose Quintana yielded five hits and two runs in 4 2-3 innings, but didn't factor in the decision for his fourth straight start. He has a no-decision in nine of 14 starts.

Jason Castro doubled twice and drove in two runs for the Astros, who had won four straight.

Bud Norris (5-7) allowed eight hits and four runs over six innings in his third straight loss.

Heat back on familiar, and shaky, ground in Finals



MIAMI (AP)—LeBron James has been here before, with dire results.

It was two years ago, the end of the first season of “Big Three” basketball in Miami. The situation: Heat down 3-2, hosting Game 6 of the NBA Finals, only two home wins separating them from what would have been James’ first title.

Then, thud.

James had six turnovers in Game 6, the Heat were outscored by 24 with him on the floor, and the Dallas Mavericks became NBA champions. And now, here comes a chance to face the same situation. Down 3-2 again, and back at home for Game 6 of the finals against the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night, Miami needs two wins in three days or else it will be watching someone else end this season with a party on its own floor.

“We’re going to see if we’re a better team than we were our first year together,” James said.

We’re also about to see is how much James has grown since that 2011 season.

He has more at stake than any other Heat player in this series, especially now that the Spurs are one game away from grabbing the championship. If the Heat lose, it’ll be widely perceived as James’ failure. If the Heat win, his status as the game’s best player not only becomes even more cemented, but he might even win over a few more doubters.

“Our next challenge, biggest challenge, will be Tuesday night,” James said. “We have an opportunity on our home floor with our home fans to keep the series going, and we look forward to it.”

Getting swept in the finals by San Antonio in 2007, that one was written off as James just not having enough talent around him. Losing to Dallas in 2011, a year after he, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh came together in such ballyhooed fashion in Miami, was an absolute nightmare for James. Winning it all by topping Oklahoma City last season, that was his long-awaited ascension.

And what will be written about this season, it’ll all be decided over the next few days.

“I have to come up big, for sure in Game 6,” James said. “But I believe we all have to play at a high level in order to keep the series going. So me being one of the leaders of this team, I do put a lot of pressure on myself to force a Game 7, and I look forward to the challenge.”

When the Heat have been in trouble the last two postseasons, it’s pretty much meant James to the rescue.

In matchups where the Heat have been down in a series or faced elimination over the past two seasons, the game’s best player has played like the



Miami Heat’s LeBron James (6) gestures at a break against the San Antonio Spurs during the second half at Game 5 of the NBA Finals basketball series, Sunday, June 16, 2013, in San Antonio.

game’s best player. Overall, in those eight games—Game 4 against Indiana last season, Games 6 and 7 against Boston last season, Game 2 against the

Thunder last season, Game 2 against Chicago this year, Game 7 against the Pacers this year and Games 2 and 4 against the Spurs—James’ numbers simply

pop.

He’s averaged 31.1 points on 53 percent shooting, added 10.6 rebounds and 5.4 assists, and the Heat are a whopping plus-

128 with him on the floor in those contests.

“LJ has proven himself enough in this league,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said, “and on the biggest stage.”

The Heat aren’t down in this series with the Spurs because of James, who was a deserved scapegoat in 2011 against the Mavericks. He has more points than anyone else in this year’s NBA Finals, the second-most rebounds (two behind Tim Duncan) and the most assists (one ahead of Tony Parker).

They’re down in the series for a litany of other reasons, not necessarily related to James.

The Spurs might be the best top-to-bottom team that the Heat have faced in these three seasons of playoff runs. They have the mastermind coach in Gregg Popovich, the veteran core of Duncan, Parker and Manu Ginobili, and the supporting cast like Danny Green (with a Finals-record 25 3-pointers and counting) and Gary Neal (12 3-pointers in the series, second-most behind Green).

“Well, we challenge ourselves to see if we’re a better team than we was,” Wade said. “Same position no matter how we got to it. We’re in the same position going back home with Game 6 on our home floor. So we’re going to see if we’re a better ballclub and if we’re better prepared for this moment. Everything happens for a reason. And this is not a bad reason at all to go home for Game 6 on your home floor.”

There was no outward sign of Heat dejection before leaving San Antonio on Sunday night.

In a corner of the arena where players milled about with their families before departing toward the charter flight that car-

ried the team home to Miami early Monday, Wade had a quiet moment with girlfriend Gabrielle Union, Bosh made “roar” sounds toward some kids and James stopped to give high-fives to about a half-dozen boys who barely came up to his waist, if that. He was smiling the whole time, too.

If there was a “what, me worry” vibe, James was masking it well.

“We’ve been through so many battles,” Spoelstra said. “And we’ve been through everything. The trust level is there now. We’ve been through enough losses, we’ve been through enough pain, been through success that we’re able to manage each other much better than initially the first few weeks together.”

Ray Allen said he would gladly have taken the deal at the start of the year, that being have two games at home to win the NBA title. Same goes for Mario Chalmers, who insisted he couldn’t wait to see what the atmosphere in Miami will be like Tuesday night.

“All I know is, the schedule says we’ve got another game,” Bosh said.

That was his way of saying that no, absolutely all is not lost for Miami. And in the 2-3-2 format, on paper, it was supposed to be exactly this way.

“That’s the position we’re in,” James said. “The most important game is Game 6. We can’t worry about a Game 7. We have to worry about Game 6 and going back home, being confident about our game, being confident about getting a win, which we are. So it is what it is. We have a Game 6 on our home floor.”

He left off the last word of that sentence: Again.

Ex-NFL star Chad Johnson released from jail



FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—

A contrite Chad Johnson apologized Monday for disrespecting a judge when the former NFL star slapped his attorney on the backside in court last week and was released from jail after only a week instead of 30 days.

Broward County Circuit Judge Kathleen McHugh accepted Johnson’s apology and cut back his jail term for a probation violation to the seven days he had already served since the rear-swapping. Johnson, a flamboyant wide receiver formerly known as Chad Ochocinco, said in court that he’d had time to think about why his flippant attitude was wrong—especially in a domestic violence case.

“I just wanted to apologize for disrespecting the court last time,” said Johnson, wearing a tan jail jumpsuit with his hands shackled at the waist. “I apologize. I did have time to reflect on the mistakes I made in this courtroom.”



In this Aug. 12, 2012 file photo, Chad Johnson, center, leaves Broward County Jail in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Johnson walked out of jail shortly after 4 p.m. and was met by his attorney, Adam Swickle, and sports agent

Drew Rosenhaus. Johnson told reporters he was thankful to McHugh because she was the first person to get him to slow down and think about the path his life was taking.

“No one has been able to do it, not even my parents,” he said. “I thank her. Everything she did was justified.”

Asked if he hoped to latch on with an NFL team, Johnson said, “I just have to say my next move, my best move.”

McHugh noted that in a previous hearing, Johnson put his arm around a female prosecutor’s shoulders, prompting her to tell him twice not to touch her. The judge also pointed out that when Johnson head-butted his then-wife, Evelyn Lozada of the reality TV show “Basketball Wives,” she suffered a three-inch gash on her head that required eight stitches. The judge called those injuries horrific.

McHugh also said Johnson failed to appreciate “the gift of probation” after pleading no contest to battery in the alterca-

tion last August with Lozada, which prompted her to quickly file for divorce. Johnson, 35, was in court because he had failed to meet with his probation officer for three straight months.

“I find that’s an arrogant disregard for a court order,” the judge said.

McHugh ordered Johnson to perform 25 hours of community service and attend domestic violence counseling sessions twice a week during probation, and she extended his probation an extra three months through mid-October.

Swickle, the attorney who had his backside slapped, said Johnson will fully comply with all probation conditions and hopes to resurrect his NFL career. The six-time Pro Bowler was cut by the Miami Dolphins after his arrest for battery; he played most of his 11 seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals along with one year with the New England Patriots.

“He understands that this is the kind of situation that can derail a person’s career,” Swickle said. “We’re very confident he will do what he should do.”

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Adobo's Ichitaro Faisao threads the defense of San Roque's McLain Achas, left, and Angelo Fernando during the first quarter of their title game in the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



San Roque's Gil Gapor stretches for a layup.



San Roque's Mike Achas tries to dribble away from the defense of Adobo's Ichitaro Faisao.



San Roque's Robert Guiang collars a rebound.



San Roque's McLain Achas challenges the defense of Adobo's L.J. Hemley on a fastbreak play.



San Roque's McLain Achas loses the leather in the rebound play.



San Roque's Angelo Fernando checks on the floor before making a move against Adobo's L.J. Hemley.



San Roque coach/player Elmer Pineda huddles with his teammates in the closing seconds of the finals.



Adobo's Shane Deleon Guerrero, left, and L.J. Hemley, right double-team San Roque's Angelo Fernando.



Adobo's Mike Saturno looks to pass the ball to his teammates.

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Rastguiy wins; Lee, Minor defend titles



Thea Minor returns to Mikayla Lopez during their U18 singles game in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club tennis courts.

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Negahr Rastguiy got a perfect present for her 14th birthday last Sunday after winning the girls U15 singles crown in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships at the Pacific Islands Club tennis courts.



Rastguiy notched the championship in the 12-player field after outclassing her frequent rival Ayana Rengiil of Palau in the finals, 6-3, 6-1. Rastguiy, who lost to fellow CNMI player Mikayla Lopez in last year's title game, earned her second straight finals appearance in the U15 division last Saturday after sweeping Isabel Heras in the semifinals, 6-1, 6-0. In the other semis tiff, Tammy Ackerman nearly arranged an all-CNMI finale after winning the opening set against Rengiil, 6-3, but the Palau bet stole the victory after prevailing in the last two sets, 7-5, 6-2.

Before her semis loss to Rengiil, Ackerman was undefeated, winning all five games, including three shutouts, in Pool B to take the No. 1 spot in her group. Heras finished second with a 4-1 slate, followed by the CNMI's Emily Jones (3-2), the Federated States of Micronesia's Sunshein Palik (2-3), the CNMI's Ami Tsukagoshi (1-4), and Guam's Angeltsa Ulloa (0-5). Heras eventually settled for third place after downing Ackerman in the consolation game, 6-0, 6-2.

In Pool A, Ratguiy gained two wins via loves and was also perfect in four games to place ahead of Rengiil (4-1), the CNMI's

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Tsunami Saipan swimmers set 5 marks



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Tsunami Saipan's Kensuke Kimura, seen here racing in the 100m butterfly swim of a local tournament early this year at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, shattered two age group marks in Guam last month.

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Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation has recognized the five age group records Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center posted in last month's 2013 Guam Championships held at the Hagatna Pool.

Kensuke Kimura and Miku Tammy submitted two marks each, while Ryuto Yanai had one and NMISF officially considered all five to the CNMI record books on May 31, 2013.

Kimura timed in at 27.70 seconds in the 50m butterfly race in Guam to eclipse the 27.87 seconds Kai Staal logged on April 16, 2011 in the 17 to 18 age group. Kimura's second age group mark came from the 800m freestyle (9:58.65) His time was about 30 seconds faster than the old record (9:29.53)

Shigeki Tenorio tallied on Sept. 29, 2012 in a Northern Marianas Swimming Federation-season opening meet.

Besides his two record-
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Silver Streak draws over 100 runners

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More than 100 runners participated in the 20th Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run with triathlete Butch Sublemente leading the finishers in last Saturday's race.

Sublemente topped the 10K division of the weekend event after completing the race from DFS Galleria (in front of Joeten in Garapan) to the Oleai Beach pavilion and back in 43:15. In the women's division Kanoa Resort's Amalia Hanrus was the first finisher after logging



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Jack Hardy leads other finishers to the registration booth after completing the 7K race of last Saturday's 20th Annual Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run.

49:12. Sublemente and Hanrus received Armani watches for their first place win, while DFS also handed out in-kind prizes to the Top 2 finishers in each age group.

Jerome Diyco was the lone finisher in the 11 to 20 age group after clocking in at 49:35, while Bernard Samson (55:35) and Akira Shinohara (1:03:13) placed in the Top 2 in the men's 21 to 30 and Pipit Ball (52:40) and Carina Cerezo (57:20) prevailed in the women's division.

In the women's 31 to 35 age group, Yumiko Mizumo (59:09) and Yurie Lorange (1:05:40) bagged the Top 2 finishes, while Ronald Villafria (47:08) and Jude Loste (58:31) triumphed in

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